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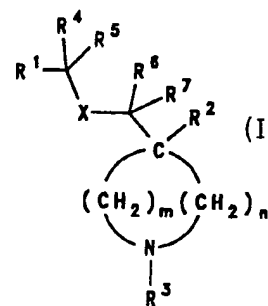
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(57) Abstract

Compounds of formula (I) wherein m is 2, 3 or 4; n is 0, 1 or 2 when m is 2 or 3, and n is 0 or 1 when m is 4; X represents O or S; R<sup>1</sup> represents phenyl optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 groups selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, trimethylsilyl, -OR<sup>a</sup>, SR<sup>a</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>COR<sup>b</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>b</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup> or -CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, where R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> each independently represent H, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, phenyl or trifluoromethyl; R<sup>2</sup> represents phenyl optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 groups selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, trimethylsilyl, -OR<sup>a</sup>, SR<sup>a</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>COR<sup>b</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>b</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup> or -CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, where R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are as previously defined; heteroaryl selected from indazolyl, thienyl, furyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, tetrazolyl and quinolyl; benzhydryl; or benzyl; wherein each heteroaryl and each phenyl moiety of benzyl and benzhydryl may be substituted by C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo or trifluoromethyl; and R<sup>3</sup> represents H, COR<sup>9</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, COCONR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, COCO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup>, CONR<sup>10</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup>, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl optionally substituted by a group selected from (CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, CONR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, hydroxy, cyano, COR<sup>9</sup>, NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, C(NO<sub>2</sub>)NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, CONHphenyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), COCO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, COCONR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup>, CONR<sup>10</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup> and phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo and trifluoromethyl), Y-R<sup>8</sup> or CO-Z-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>-R<sup>12</sup>; R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> each independently represent H or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; R<sup>8</sup> represents an optionally substituted aromatic heterocycle; R<sup>9</sup> represents H, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or phenyl; R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> each independently represent H or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; R<sup>12</sup> represents NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> or an optionally substituted aromatic or non-aromatic azacyclic or azabicyclic group; R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> each independently represent H, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, phenyl optionally substituted by one or more of C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo or trifluoromethyl or phenylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted in the phenyl ring by one or more of C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo or trifluoromethyl; R<sup>15</sup> represents C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, trifluoromethyl or phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo and trifluoromethyl; Y represents a hydrocarbon chain of 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms which way optionally be substituted by oxo; Z represents CH<sub>2</sub>, O, S or NR<sup>10</sup>; and q represents 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 and their salts are useful as tachykinin antagonists.



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## 4-ARYLMETHYLOXYMETHYL PIPERIDINES AS TACHYKININ ANTAGONISTS

5 This invention relates to a class of azacyclic compounds, which are useful as tachykinin antagonists. More particularly, the compounds of the invention comprise an azacyclic ring system substituted by an arylmethoxy or arylmethylthio moiety.

10 The tachykinins are a group of naturally-occurring peptides found widely distributed throughout mammalian tissues, both within the central nervous system and in the peripheral nervous and circulatory systems. The structures of three known mammalian tachykinins are as follows:

15 Substance P:

Arg-Pro-Lys-Pro-Gln-Gln-Phe-Phe-Gly-Leu-Met-NH<sub>2</sub>

Neurokinin A:

His-Lys-Thr-Asp-Ser-Phe-Val-Gly-Leu-Met-NH<sub>2</sub>

Neurokinin B:

20 Asp-Met-His-Asp-Phe-Phe-Val-Gly-Leu-Met-NH<sub>2</sub>

Evidence for the usefulness of tachykinin receptor antagonists in pain, headache, especially migraine, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, attenuation of morphine withdrawal, cardiovascular changes, oedema, such as oedema caused by thermal injury, 25 chronic inflammatory diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, asthma/bronchial hyperreactivity and other respiratory diseases including allergic rhinitis, inflammatory diseases of the gut including ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease, ocular injury and ocular 30 inflammatory diseases, proliferative vitreoretinopathy, irritable bowel syndrome and disorders of bladder function including cystitis and bladder detrusor hyper-reflexia is reviewed in "Tachykinin Receptors and

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Tachykinin Receptor Antagonists", C.A. Maggi, R. Patacchini, P. Rovero and A. Giachetti, J. Auton. Pharmacol. (1993) 13, 23-93. Tachykinin antagonists are also believed to be useful in allergic conditions

5 [Hamelet et al Can. J. Pharmacol. Physiol. (1988) 66 1361-7], immunoregulation [Lotz et al Science (1988) 241 1218-21 and Kimball et al, J. Immunol. (1988) 141 (10) 3564-9], and as anticonvulsants [Garant et al., Brain Research (1986) 382 372-8]. Tachykinin antagonists may

10 also be useful in the treatment of small cell carcinomas, in particular small cell lung cancer (SCLC) [Langdon et al., Cancer Research (1992) 52, 4554-7].

It has furthermore been suggested that tachykinins have utility in the following disorders:

15 depression, dysthymic disorders, chronic obstructive airways disease, hypersensitivity disorders such as poison ivy, vasospastic diseases such as angina and Reynauld's disease, fibrosing and collagen diseases such as scleroderma and eosinophillic fascioliasis, reflex

20 sympathetic dystrophy such as shoulder/hand syndrome, addiction disorders such as alcoholism, stress related somatic disorders, neuropathy, neuralgia, disorders related to immune enhancement or suppression such as systemic lupus erythmatosis (European patent application

25 no. 0 436 334), conjunctivitis, vernal conjunctivitis, contact dermatitis, atropic dermatitis, urticaria, and other eczematoid dermatitis (European patent application no. 0 394 989) and emesis (European patent application no. 0 533 280).

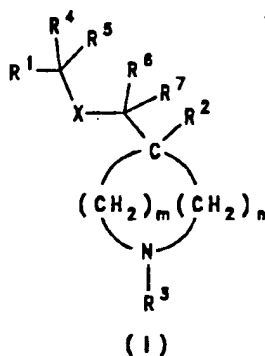
30 In view of their metabolic instability, peptide derivatives are likely to be of limited utility as therapeutic agents. It is for this reason that non-peptide tachykinin antagonists are sought.

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In essence, this invention provides a class of potent non-peptide tachykinin antagonists.

The present invention provides a compound of formula (I), or a salt or prodrug thereof:

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wherein

- 15                    m is 2, 3 or 4;  
                     n is 0, 1 or 2 when m is 2 or 3, and n is 0 or  
                     1 when m is 4;  
                     X represents O or S;  
                     R<sup>1</sup> represents phenyl optionally substituted by  
 20    1, 2 or 3 groups selected from C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-6 alkenyl,  
          C<sub>2</sub>-6alkynyl, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl,  
          trimethylsilyl, -OR<sup>a</sup>, SR<sup>a</sup>, SOR<sup>a</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>COR<sup>b</sup>,  
          -NR<sup>a</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>b</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup> or -CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, where R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> each  
          independently represent H, C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl, phenyl or  
 25    trifluoromethyl;  
                     R<sup>2</sup> represents phenyl optionally substituted by  
          1, 2 or 3 groups selected from C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-6 alkenyl,  
          C<sub>2</sub>-6alkynyl, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl,  
          trimethylsilyl, -OR<sup>a</sup>, SR<sup>a</sup>, SOR<sup>a</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, -NR<sup>a</sup>COR<sup>b</sup>,  
 30    -NR<sup>a</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>b</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup> or -CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, where R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are as  
          previously defined; heteroaryl selected from indazolyl,  
          thienyl, furyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, tetrazolyl and  
          quinolyl; benzhydryl; or benzyl; wherein each heteroaryl  
          and each phenyl moiety of benzyl and benzhydryl may be

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substituted by C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo or trifluoromethyl; and

R<sup>3</sup> represents H, COR<sup>9</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, COCONR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, COCO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup>, CONR<sup>10</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup>, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl optionally substituted by a group selected from (CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, CONR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, hydroxy, cyano, COR<sup>9</sup>, NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, C(NO<sub>2</sub>)NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, CONHphenyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), COCO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, COCONR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup>, CONR<sup>10</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup> and phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo and trifluoromethyl), Y-R<sup>8</sup> or CO-Z-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>-R<sup>12</sup>;

R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> each independently represent H or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>8</sup> represents an optionally substituted aromatic heterocycle;

R<sup>9</sup> represents H, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or phenyl;

R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> each independently represent H or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>12</sup> represents NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> or an optionally substituted aromatic or non-aromatic azacyclic or azabicyclic group;

R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> each independently represent H, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, phenyl optionally substituted by one or more of C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo or trifluoromethyl or phenylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted in the phenyl ring by one or more of C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo or trifluoromethyl;

R<sup>15</sup> represents C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, trifluoromethyl or phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo and trifluoromethyl;

Y represents a hydrocarbon chain of 1,2,3 or 4 carbon atoms which may optionally be substituted by oxo;

Z represents CH<sub>2</sub>, O, S or NR<sup>10</sup>; and

q represents 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

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As used herein, the definition of each expression, when it occurs more than once in any structure, is intended to be independent of its definition elsewhere in the same structure.

5           The alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl groups referred to with respect to the formulae herein may represent straight, branched or cyclic groups, or combinations thereof. Thus, for example, suitable alkyl groups include methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, n-, sec-, iso-  
10 or tert-butyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl, and cycloalkyl-alkyl groups such as cyclopropylmethyl; suitable alkenyl groups include vinyl and allyl; and suitable alkynyl groups include propargyl.

15           The term "halo" as used herein includes fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo, especially chloro and fluoro.

          The present invention includes within its scope prodrugs of the compounds of formula (I) above. In general, such prodrugs will be functional derivatives of the compounds of formula (I) which are readily  
20 convertible in vivo into the required compound of formula (I). Conventional procedures for the selection and preparation of suitable prodrug derivatives are described, for example, in "Design of Prodrugs", ed. H. Bundgaard, Elsevier, 1985. However, most aptly the  
25 present invention provides a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

          Those compounds according to the invention which contain one or more chiral centres may exist both as enantiomers and as diastereomers. It is to be  
30 understood that all such isomers and mixtures thereof are encompassed within the scope of the present invention.

          Preferably m is 2.

          When m is 2, n is preferably 2. When m is 3 or 4, n is preferably 0.

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Preferably X represents O.

Preferably  $R^1$  represents substituted phenyl.

When  $R^1$  is substituted phenyl suitable substituents include nitro, trifluoromethyl, trimethylsilyl, bromo, chloro, fluoro, iodo, cyano, methyl, ethyl, cyclopropyl, t-butyl, vinyl, methoxy, phenoxy, amino and carbonylmethoxy. Preferably  $R^1$  represents phenyl substituted by one or more groups selected from  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl such as methyl and t-butyl, halo such as chloro, fluoro and bromo, and trifluoromethyl.

Preferably  $R^1$  represents disubstituted phenyl, in particular 3,5-disubstituted phenyl, for example 3,5-disubstituted phenyl wherein the substituents are selected from  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, halo and trifluoromethyl. More preferably  $R^1$  represents 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl) phenyl.

Suitable values for the group  $R^2$  include unsubstituted or substituted phenyl, 5-membered heteroaryl such as thienyl, 6-membered heteroaryl such as pyridyl, and benzhydryl.

Preferably  $R^2$  represents unsubstituted or substituted phenyl.

When  $R^2$  represents substituted phenyl a preferred substituent is halo, especially fluoro.

When  $R^8$  represents a substituted aromatic heterocycle, suitable substituents in the heterocyclic ring include one or more of  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy, phenyl, oxo, thioxo, halo, trifluoromethyl,  $NR^aR^b$ ,  $NR^aCOR^b$ ,  $CONR^aR^b$ ,  $CO_2R^a$ ,  $SR^a$ ,  $SO_2R^a$  and  $CH_2OR^a$ , where  $R^a$  and  $R^b$  are as previously defined. Particular examples of suitable substituents include methyl, methoxy, phenyl, oxo, thioxo, bromo, iodo,  $NH_2$ ,  $SCH_3$ ,  $CONH_2$  and cyano. Particularly preferred substituents include oxo and  $NH_2$ .



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Suitable values for  $R^8$  include thienyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, pyridyl, pyrazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, triazinyl, oxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, isoxazolyl, quinolyl, isothiazolyl, imidazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiophenyl, benzofuranyl and indolyl, any of which may be substituted.

Preferably  $R^8$  represents a substituted or unsubstituted 5- or 6-membered nitrogen containing aromatic heterocycle such as for example oxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, tetrazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, triazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, imidazolyl or triazinyl. More preferably  $R^8$  represents optionally substituted oxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, imidazolyl, thiadiazolyl, triazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl or triazinyl, or tetrazolyl substituted by  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, preferably methyl.

It will be appreciated that, when the heterocyclic moiety  $R^8$  is substituted by an oxo or thioxo substituent, different tautomeric forms are possible so that the substituent may be represented as =O or -OH, or =S or -SH, respectively. For the avoidance of doubt, all such tautomeric forms are embraced by the present invention. Favoured heterocyclic moieties  $R^8$  include 5 membered heterocyclic rings containing 1, 2 or 3 nitrogen atoms substituted by oxo. A particularly favoured such moiety is 1,2,4-triazol-3-one.

When  $R^{12}$  represents  $NR^{13}R^{14}$ ,  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  are preferably both  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, i-butyl or t-butyl. More preferably  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  will both represent methyl.

When  $R^{12}$  represents an aromatic or non-aromatic azacycle or azabicyclo it may contain one or more

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additional heteroatoms selected from O, S and N or groups  $NR^{16}$ , where  $R^{16}$  is H,  $C_1$ -6alkyl or phenyl $C_1$ -4alkyl, and may be unsubstituted or substituted. Suitable substituents include  $C_1$ -6alkyl,  $C_1$ -6alkoxy, oxo, SH, =S, halo, trifluoromethyl,  $NR^aR^b$ ,  $NR^aCOR^b$ ,  $CONR^aR^b$ ,  $CO_2R^a$  and  $CH_2OR^a$ , where  $R^a$  and  $R^b$  are as previously defined.

When  $R^{12}$  represents an aromatic azacycle or azabicyclic, suitable values of  $R^{12}$  include imidazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyridyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzoxazolyl and indolyl, preferably imidazolyl, such as 2,4-imidazolyl, or pyridyl, more preferably pyridyl such as 4-, 3- or 2-pyridyl.

When  $R^{12}$  represents a non-aromatic azacycle or azabicyclic, suitable values of  $R^{12}$  include morpholinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, methylpiperazinyl, azanorbornanyl, azabicyclo[2.2.2]octanyl and azabicyclo[3.2.2]nonyl, preferably morpholinyl, methylpiperazinyl, quinuclidinyl (azabicyclo[2.2.2]octanyl) or azabicyclo[3.2.2]nonyl, more preferably quinuclidinyl.

Suitably Y represents a hydrocarbon chain of 1 or 2 carbon atoms optionally substituted by oxo, such as  $CH_2$ ,  $C=O$ ,  $CH(CH_3)$ ,  $CH_2(C=O)$  or  $(C=O)CH_2$ . Preferably Y represents  $CH_2$ ,  $CH(CH_3)$  or  $CH_2(C=O)$ , more preferably  $CH_2$  or  $CH(CH_3)$ .

Suitably q represents 0, 1, 2 or 3.

Suitable values of  $R^3$  include H,  $COR^9$  such as  $COCH_3$ ,  $SO_2R^{15}$  such as  $SO_2CH_3$ ,  $C_1$ -6alkyl such as  $CH_3$ ,  $CH(CH_3)_2$ ,  $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$  and  $CH_2CH_2C(CH_3)_3$ ,  $C_1$ -6alkyl substituted by  $CO_2R^{10}$  such as  $CH_2CO_2CH_3$ ,  $CH_2CO_2H$ ,  $(CH_2)_3CO_2CH_3$  and  $(CH_2)_3CO_2H$ ,  $C_1$ -6alkyl substituted by  $CONR^{10}SO_2R^{15}$  such as  $CH_2CONHSO_2CH_3$  and  $CH_2CONHSO_2C_6H_5$ ,

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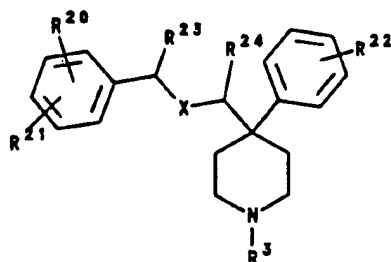
C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl substituted by phenyl, Y-R<sup>8</sup> and CO-Z-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>-R<sup>12</sup>. Aptly R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R and R<sup>7</sup> independently represent H or methyl. More aptly R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> represent H.

5 In one preferred subgroup of compounds according to the invention, R<sup>3</sup> represents H or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, more preferably H.

In a further preferred subgroup of compounds according to the invention R<sup>3</sup> represents Y-R<sup>8</sup>.

10 A yet further preferred subgroup of compounds according to the invention is represented by compounds wherein R<sup>3</sup> is CO-Z-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>-R<sup>12</sup>.

A particular sub-class of compounds according to the invention is represented by compounds of formula  
15 (Ia), and salts and prodrugs thereof:



(Ia)

25 wherein

R<sup>3</sup> and X are as defined for formula (I);

R<sup>20</sup> and R<sup>21</sup> independently represent H,

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, trimethylsilyl, OR<sup>a</sup>, SR<sup>a</sup>, SOR<sup>a</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>,  
30 NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>COR<sup>b</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>b</sup>, COR<sup>a</sup> or CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, where R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are as previously defined;

R<sup>22</sup> represents H or halo, preferably H or fluoro, for example 4-fluoro; and

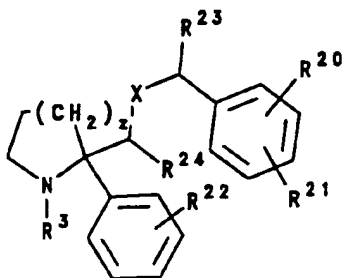
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$R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  each independently represent H or methyl.

Aptly  $R^{24}$  represents H. Aptly  $R^{23}$  represents methyl.

5 Particular values of  $R^{20}$  and  $R^{21}$  include H, chloro, bromo, methyl, t-butyl and trifluoromethyl; and also  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy groups such as methoxyl, ethoxyl and isopropoxyl and n, sec- and tert-butoxyl. Preferably  $R^{20}$  and  $R^{21}$  are both other than H and are located at the 3-  
10 and 5-positions of the phenyl ring.

A further sub-class of compounds according to the invention is represented by compounds of formula (Ib), and salts and prodrugs thereof:



(Ib)

wherein  $R^3$ ,  $X$ ,  $R^{20}$ ,  $R^{21}$ ,  $R^{22}$ ,  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  are as defined for formula (Ia), above and  $z$  is 1 or 2.

25 Specific compounds within the scope of the present invention include:

4-phenyl-4-[(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxy methyl]piperidine;

2-[(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-2-  
30 phenylpyrrolidine;

4-phenyl-4-[(2-trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl] piperidine;

4-phenyl-4-benzyloxymethylpiperidine;

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- 4-phenyl-4-[(3-chloro-5-t-butyl)benzyloxymethyl]  
piperidine;  
4-phenyl-4-[(3,5-dichloro)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
4-phenyl-4-[(3-trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]  
5 piperidine;  
4-phenyl-4-[(4-trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]  
piperidine;  
1-acetyl-4-phenyl-4-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)  
benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
10 1-methanesulphonyl-4-phenyl-4-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)  
benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
5-[(4-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-  
piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
2-[1'-imidazolyl]acetyl-4-phenyl-4-[(3,5-  
15 bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
5-[4-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-(4-  
fluorophenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-  
dihydro[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
5-[4-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-(2-  
20 fluorophenyl)-piperidin-1-yl)methyl]-2,4-  
dihydro[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
5-[4-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-(3-  
fluorophenyl)-piperidin-1-yl)methyl]-2,4-  
dihydro[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
25 3-phenyl-3-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]  
piperidine);  
4-phenyl-[4-[1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]  
ethoxymethyl]piperidine;  
1-methyl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)  
30 benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
1-isopropyl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)  
benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
1-(2-phenyl)ethyl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)  
benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;

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- 1-isobutyryl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
1-isovaleryl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
5 (±)-5-[4-[1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethoxymethyl]-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
4-phenyl-4-[(3-chloro-5-methyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
10 4-phenyl-4-[(3-bromo-5-methyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
4-phenyl-4-[(3-methyl-5-t-butyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
methyl-2-[4-phenyl-4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)piperidine]acetate;  
15 N-methyl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-1-(4H-[1,2,4]triazol-3-yl-methyl)piperidine;  
20 5-[4-(3-methyl-5-t-butyl)benzyloxymethyl]4-phenylpiperidin-1-ylmethyl]2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
2-[4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-N-3-pyridylmethyl-N-methylacetamide;  
25 4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-1-(2-methylthiazol-5-ylmethyl)-4-phenylpiperidine;  
4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-1-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-3-ylmethyl-4-phenylpiperidine;  
(±)-5-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenylpiperidinyl-1-ethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
30 1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl]-2-pyrrolidin-1-ylacetamide;

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- N-methanesulphonyl-2-[4-phenyl-4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)piperidin-1-yl]acetamide;
- N-phenylsulphonyl-2-[4-phenyl-4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)piperidin-1-yl]acetamide;
- 4-phenyl-4-[(3-phenyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;
- 5-[4-(3-phenyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenylpiperidin-1-ylmethyl-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;
- 5-[(4-benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;
- N-[2-amino-2-methylpropionamido]-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;
- 4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxyethyl]piperidine;
- 4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;
- 1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-2-pyridin-3-ylethanone;
- 1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-2-pyridin-2-ylethanone;
- 1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-2-pyridin-4-ylethanone;
- 1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-3-dimethylamino-propan-1-one;
- 2-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]acetate;
- 4-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]butyrate;
- methyl-4-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]butyrate;
- 1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-3-dimethylaminoethanone;

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- 1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-3-dimethylaminopent-1-one;  
4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-1-[1-(4-toluenesulphonyl)-imidazole-2-yl]methyl-4-phenylpiperidine;  
4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-1-(1H-imidazole-2-yl-methyl)-4-phenyl-piperidine;  
5-[4-(1-[3-bromophenyl]-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
4-phenyl-4-(1-(3-bromophenyl)-ethoxymethyl)-piperidine hydrochloride;  
5-[4-(1-[3-chlorophenyl]-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
4-phenyl-4-[3-iodobenzyloxymethyl]-ethoxymethyl)-piperidine;  
5-[4-(3-iodobenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
4-phenyl-4-[3-chlorobenzyloxymethyl]-piperidine hydrochloride;  
5-[4-(3-chlorobenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
1-[4-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-2-(1H-indole-3-yl) acetamide;  
4-[4-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-quinoline;  
3-[2-[4-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]ethyl]-1H-indole;  
1-(4-[3,5-dichlorophenyl]-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl)-2-pyrrolidin-acetamide hydrochloride;  
4-phenyl-4-[3-<sup>t</sup>-butylbenzyloxymethyl]-piperidine;  
4-phenyl-4-[3-cyanobenzyloxymethyl]-piperidine;  
5-[4-(3-cyanobenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;



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- 4-phenyl-4-[4-cyanobenzyloxymethyl]-piperidine hydrochloride;
- 5-[4-(4-cyanobenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;
- 5 5-[4-(3-<sup>t</sup>-butylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;
- 1-[4-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-3-piperidin-4-yl-propionamide hydrochloride;
- 1-(4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl)-2-pyrrolidine acetamide hydrochloride;
- 10 4-[3-chloro-5-methoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidine hydrochloride;
- 5-[4-(3-chloro-5-methoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;
- 15 4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-1-(5-pyrrolodineethyl)carbamate piperidine hydrochloride;
- 5-[4-(3,5-bismethylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;
- (±)-5-[4-(1-(3-N,N-dimethylphenyl)-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;
- 20 4-phenyl-4-[1-(3-isopropoxy)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine hydrochloride;
- 5-[4-(1-(3-isopropoxyphenyl)-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;
- 25 4-phenyl-4-(2-cyanobenzyloxymethyl)piperidine hydrochloride;
- 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-[(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)piperidine hydrochloride;
- 30 4-phenyl-4-[(2-methoxy-5-bromo)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine hydrochloride;
- 4-phenyl-4-[1-(3,6-dichlorophenyl)-ethoxymethyl]piperidine hydrochloride;

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4-phenyl-4-[1-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-ethoxymethyl]piperidine hydrochloride;

4-phenyl-4-[2,3-(dimethoxy)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine hydrochloride;

5 5-[4-(3-isopropoxy)benzyloxymethyl-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;

4-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-piperidine hydrochloride;

10 (+)5-[4-(1-[3-bromophenyl]-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;

(-)5-[4-(1-[3-bromophenyl]-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;

and salts thereof; and more especially the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

15 For use in medicine, the salts of the compounds of formula (I) will be pharmaceutically acceptable salts. Other salts may, however, be useful in the preparation of the compounds according to the invention (such as the dibenzoyltartrate salts) or of their pharmaceutically  
20 acceptable salts. Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of this invention include acid addition salts which may, for example, be formed by mixing a solution of the compound according to the invention with a solution of a pharmaceutically  
25 acceptable non-toxic acid such as hydrochloric acid, sulphuric acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, succinic acid, acetic acid, citric acid, tartaric acid, carbonic acid, phosphoric acid or p-toluenesulphonic acid. Salts of amine groups may also comprise quaternary ammonium salts  
30 in which the amino nitrogen atom carries a suitable organic group such as an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or aralkyl moiety. Furthermore, where the compounds of the invention carry an acidic moiety, suitable pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof may include

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metal salts such as alkali metal salts, e.g. sodium or potassium salts; and alkaline earth metal salts, e.g. calcium or magnesium salts.

5 Favoured salts of the compounds according to the invention are acid addition salts of pharmaceutically acceptable acids.

Preferred salts of the compounds according to the invention include the hydrochloride and p-toluenesulphonic acid salts.

10 The invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising one or more compounds of this invention in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Preferably these compositions are in unit dosage forms such as tablets, pills, capsules,  
15 powders, granules, solutions or suspensions, or suppositories, for oral, parenteral or rectal administration, or topical administration including administration by inhalation or insufflation.

The invention further provides a process for  
20 the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I), or a salt or prodrug thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, which process comprises bringing a compound of formula (I), or a salt or prodrug thereof into  
25 association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

For preparing solid compositions such as tablets, the principal active ingredient is mixed with a pharmaceutical carrier, e.g. conventional tableting ingredients such as corn starch, lactose,  
30 sucrose, sorbitol, talc, stearic acid, magnesium stearate, dicalcium phosphate or gums, and other pharmaceutical diluents, e.g. water, to form a solid preformulation composition containing a homogeneous mixture of a compound of the present invention, or a non-

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toxic pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. When referring to these preformulation compositions as homogeneous, it is meant that the active ingredient is dispersed evenly throughout the composition so that the composition may be readily subdivided into equally effective unit dosage forms such as tablets, pills and capsules. This solid preformulation composition is then subdivided into unit dosage forms of the type described above containing from 0.1 to about 500 mg of the active ingredient of the present invention, for example 1 to 100 mg. The tablets or pills of the novel composition can be coated or otherwise compounded to provide a dosage form affording the advantage of prolonged action. For example, the tablet or pill can comprise an inner dosage and an outer dosage component, the latter being in the form of an envelope over the former. The two components can be separated by an enteric layer which serves to resist disintegration in the stomach and permits the inner component to pass intact into the duodenum or to be delayed in release. A variety of materials can be used for such enteric layers or coatings, such materials including a number of polymeric acids and mixtures of polymeric acids with such materials as shellac, cetyl alcohol and cellulose acetate.

The liquid forms in which the novel compositions of the present invention may be incorporated for administration orally or by injection include aqueous solutions, suitably flavoured syrups, aqueous or oil suspensions, and flavoured emulsions with edible oils such as cottonseed oil, sesame oil, coconut oil or peanut oil, as well as elixirs and similar pharmaceutical vehicles. Suitable dispersing or suspending agents for aqueous suspensions include synthetic and natural gums such as tragacanth, acacia, alginate, dextran, sodium

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carboxymethylcellulose, methylcellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone or gelatin.

Compositions for inhalation or insufflation include solutions and suspensions in pharmaceutically acceptable, aqueous or organic solvents, or mixtures thereof, and powders. The liquid or solid compositions may contain suitable pharmaceutically acceptable excipients as set out above. Preferably the compositions are administered by the oral or nasal respiratory route for local or systemic effect. Compositions in preferably sterile pharmaceutically acceptable solvents may be nebulised by use of inert gases. Nebulised solutions may be breathed directly from the nebulising device or the nebulising device may be attached to a face mask, tent or intermittent positive pressure breathing machine. Solution, suspension or powder compositions may be administered, preferably orally or nasally, from devices which deliver the formulation in an appropriate manner.

For topical administration, for example as a cream, ointment or lotion, pharmaceutically acceptable carriers are, for example, water, mixtures of water and water-miscible solvents such as lower alkanols or arylalkanols, vegetable oils, polyalkylene glycols, petroleum based jelly, ethyl cellulose, ethyl oleate, carboxymethylcellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone, isopropyl myristate and other conventionally-employed non-toxic, pharmaceutically acceptable organic and inorganic carriers. The pharmaceutical preparation may also contain non-toxic auxiliary substances such as emulsifying, preserving, wetting agents, bodying agents and the like, as for example, polyethylene glycols 200, 300, 400 and 600, carbowaxes 1,000, 1,500, 4,000, 6,000 and 10,000, antibacterial components such as quaternary ammonium compounds, phenylmercuric salts known to have

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cold sterilizing properties and which are non-injurious in use, thimerosal, methyl and propyl paraben, benzyl alcohol, phenyl ethanol, buffering ingredients such as sodium chloride, sodium borate, sodium acetates, gluconate buffers, and other conventional ingredients such as sorbitan monolaurate, triethanolamine, oleate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monopalmitate, dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate, monothioglycerol, thiosorbitol, ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid, and the like.

10           The present invention further provides a process for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I), which process comprises bringing a compound of formula (I) into association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or  
15           excipient.

          The compounds of formula (I) are of value in the treatment of a wide variety of clinical conditions which are characterised by the presence of an excess of tachykinin, in particular substance P, activity. These  
20           may include disorders of the central nervous system such as anxiety, depression, psychosis and schizophrenia; epilepsy; neurodegenerative disorders such as dementia, including senile dementia of the Alzheimer type, Alzheimer's disease and Down's syndrome; demyelinating  
25           diseases such as MS and ALS and other neuropathological disorders such as peripheral neuropathy, including diabetic and chemotherapy-induced neuropathy, and postherpetic and other neuralgias; small cell carcinomas such as small cell lung cancer; respiratory diseases,  
30           particularly those associated with excess mucus secretion such as chronic obstructive airways disease, bronchopneumonia, chronic bronchitis, cystic fibrosis and asthma, and bronchospasm; inflammatory diseases such as inflammatory bowel disease, psoriasis, fibrositis,

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osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis; allergies such as eczema and rhinitis; hypersensitivity disorders such as poison ivy; ophthalmic diseases such as conjunctivitis, vernal conjunctivitis, and the like;

5 cutaneous diseases such as contact dermatitis, atropic dermatitis, urticaria, and other eczematoid dermatitis; addiction disorders such as alcoholism; stress related somatic disorders; reflex sympathetic dystrophy such as shoulder/hand syndrome; dysthymic disorders; adverse

10 immunological reactions such as rejection of transplanted tissues and disorders related to immune enhancement or suppression such as systemic lupus erythematosus; gastrointestinal (GI) disorders and diseases of the GI tract such as disorders associated with the neuronal

15 control of viscera such as ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease and incontinence; emesis, including acute, delayed and anticipatory emesis, for example, induced by chemotherapy, radiation, toxins, pregnancy, vestibular disorders, surgery, migraine and variations in

20 intercranial pressure; disorders of bladder function such as bladder detrusor hyper-reflexia; fibrosing and collagen diseases such as scleroderma and eosinophilic fascioliasis; disorders of blood flow caused by vasodilation and vasospastic diseases such as angina,

25 migraine and Reynaud's disease; and pain or nociception, for example, that attributable to or associated with any of the foregoing conditions, especially the transmission of pain in migraine, visceral pain and post operative pain.

30 The compounds of formula (I) are particularly useful in the treatment of pain or nociception and/or inflammation and disorders associated therewith such as, for example, neuropathy, such as diabetic and chemotherapy-induced neuropathy, postherpetic and other

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neuralgias, asthma, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and especially migraine and post operative pain.

The compounds of the formula (I) are useful in treating more than one symptom at a time, for example  
5 emesis and pain following surgery.

The present invention further provides a compound of formula (I), or a salt or prodrug thereof, for use in therapy.

According to a further or alternative aspect,  
10 the present invention provides a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of physiological disorders associated with an excess of tachykinins, especially substance P.

15 The present invention also provides a method for the treatment or prevention of physiological disorders associated with an excess of tachykinins, especially substance P, which method comprises administration to a patient in need thereof of a  
20 tachykinin reducing amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a composition comprising a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

For the treatment of certain conditions it may  
25 be desirable to employ a compound according to the present invention in conjunction with another pharmacologically active agent. For example, for the treatment of respiratory diseases such as asthma, a compound of formula (I) may be used in conjunction with a  
30 bronchodilator, such as a  $\beta_2$ -adrenergic receptor antagonist or tachykinin antagonist which acts at NK-2 receptors. The compound of formula (I) and the bronchodilator may be administered to a patient simultaneously, sequentially or in combination.



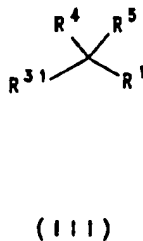
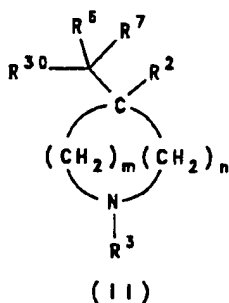
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The present invention accordingly provides a method for the treatment of a respiratory disease, such as asthma, which method comprises administration to a patient in need thereof of an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) and an effective amount of a bronchodilator.

The present invention also provides a composition comprising a compound of formula (I), a bronchodilator, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

In the treatment of the conditions associated with an excess of tachykinins, a suitable dosage level is about 0.001 to 50 mg/kg per day, in particular about 0.01 to about 25 mg/kg, such as from about 0.05 to about 10 mg/kg of a compound of formula (I) per day. For example, in the treatment of conditions involving the neurotransmission of pain sensations, a suitable dosage level is about 0.001 to 25 mg/kg per day, preferably about 0.005 to 10 mg/kg per day, and especially about 0.005 to 5 mg/kg per day. The compounds may be administered on a regimen of 1 to 4 times per day, preferably once or twice per day.

The compounds according to the invention may be prepared by a process which comprises reacting a compound of formula (II) with a compound of formula (III):



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wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$ ,  $R^7$ , m and n are as defined for formula (I),  $R^3$  is as defined for formula (I) **except that**, when  $R^3$  is H it is replaced by a suitable protecting group, such as  $\text{CO}_2(\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl})$ ; and one of  $R^{30}$  and  $R^{31}$  represents a leaving group and the other of  $R^{30}$  and  $R^{31}$  represents XH, where X is as defined for formula (I); in the presence of a base, followed by deprotection, if required.

Suitably  $R^{30}$  represents XH and  $R^{31}$  represents a leaving group.

Suitable leaving groups include halo, e.g. chloro, bromo or iodo, or sulphonate derivatives such as tosylate or mesylate.

The reaction is conveniently carried out in a suitable organic solvent, such as an ether, e.g. 1,2-dimethoxyethane, at a temperature in the region of  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . Favoured bases of use in the reaction include alkali metal amides and hydrides, such as potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide or potassium hydride. Suitably, potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide is used.

Compounds of formula (I) may also be prepared from different compounds of formula (I) by interconversion processes. In particular, interconversion processes may be used to vary the group  $R^3$ . For example, compounds of formula (I) wherein  $R^3$  is other than H may be prepared from the corresponding compounds of formula (I) wherein  $R^3$  is H by conventional methods, such as reaction with a compound  $R^3\text{-Hal}$ , where Hal represents halo, in the presence of a base. Suitable reagents and conditions will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art and are illustrated by the accompanying Examples. It will be appreciated therefor that compounds of the formula (I) wherein  $R^3$  is H are highly favoured compounds of this invention since in

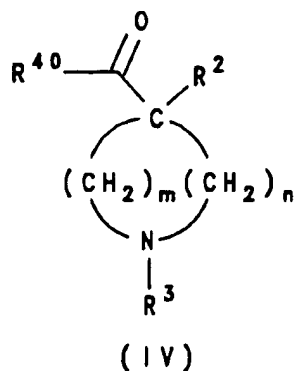
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addition to possessing useful biological activity they are of use as intermediates. Suitable bases include organic bases, such as tertiary amines, e.g. triethylamine, and inorganic bases, such as alkali metal carbonates, e.g. sodium carbonate. Compounds of formula (I) wherein  $R^3$  is  $COR^9$  may also be prepared from compounds of formula (I) wherein  $R^3$  is H by, for example, reaction with an appropriate acid anhydride. Compounds of formula (I) wherein  $R^3$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl may be prepared from corresponding compounds of formula (I) wherein  $R^3$  is  $COR^9$  by reduction using, for example, borane or a borohydride such as sodium cyanoborohydride. Suitable procedures will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art. Compounds of formula (I) wherein  $R^3$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl substituted by  $CONR^{10}R^{11}$  may be prepared from corresponding compounds of formula (I) wherein  $R^3$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl substituted by  $CO_2R^{10}$  by treatment with ammonia or an amine of formula  $NR^{10}R^{11}$ .

The intermediates of formula (II) above wherein  $R^{30}$  is SH may be prepared from the corresponding intermediates of formula (II) wherein  $R^{30}$  represents OH by treating the latter compound with Lawesson's reagent or phosphorus pentasulphide in a suitable solvent, e.g. pyridine, at ambient or elevated temperatures, suitably at reflux temperature.

Intermediates of formula (II) above wherein  $R^{30}$  is OH and  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  both represent H may be prepared from corresponding compounds of formula (IV):

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wherein  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ ,  $m$  and  $n$  are as defined for formula (II) above and  $\text{R}^{40}$  represents hydroxy, alkoxy or amino, by reduction. Suitable reducing agents will be readily apparent to one skilled in the art and include, for example, metallic hydrides, such as lithium aluminium hydride.

Intermediates of formula (II) wherein  $\text{R}^{30}$  is OH and one of  $\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^7$  is  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl and the other of  $\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^7$  is H may be prepared from compounds of formula (IV) wherein  $\text{R}^{40}$  is H, by reaction with a Grignard reagent of formula  $\text{MgHalR}^6$  or  $\text{MgHalR}^7$ , wherein  $\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^7$  are as previously defined and Hal is halo such as chloro, bromo or iodo. Intermediates of formula (II) wherein  $\text{R}^{30}$  is OH and both of  $\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^7$  represent  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl may be prepared from compounds of formula (IV) wherein  $\text{R}^{40}$  is alkoxy by reaction with Grignard reagents of formulae  $\text{MgHalR}^6$  and  $\text{MgHalR}^7$ , as above defined. Suitable reaction conditions will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art.

Compounds of formula (IV) wherein  $\text{R}^{40}$  is H may be prepared from compounds of formula (IV) wherein  $\text{R}^{40}$  is alkoxy or amino by reduction. Suitable reducing agents will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art and include, for example, where  $\text{R}^{40}$  is alkoxy,

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diisobutylaluminium hydride, and, where  $R^{40}$  is amino, lithium aluminium hydride.

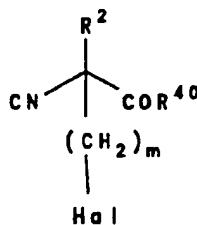
Intermediates of formula (II) wherein  $R^{30}$  is a leaving group may be prepared from compounds of formula (II) wherein  $R^{30}$  is OH, for example, by reaction with a thionyl halide, a mesyl halide or a tosyl halide.

Where they are not commercially available, the intermediates of formula (III) above may be prepared by the procedures described in the accompanying Examples or by alternative procedures which will be readily apparent to one skilled in the art.

Compounds of formula (IV) are commercially available, or may be prepared by known procedures.

For example, suitable methods for the preparation of compounds of formula (IV) are described in European Patent Application no. 0 337 167, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 81, 1201 (1959), J. Med. Chem., 17, 453 (1974) and J. Med. Chem., 24, 218 (1981).

In general, compounds of formula (IV) wherein  $R^3$  is H,  $R^{40}$  is alkoxy and n is 0 may be prepared by cyclisation of an intermediate of formula (V)



(V)

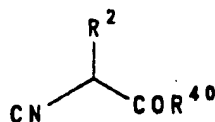
wherein  $R^2$ ,  $R^{40}$  and m are as previously defined, and Hal represents halo, for example, chloro or bromo, in the presence of a base.

Suitable bases of use in the reaction include tertiary amines, such as, for example, triethylamine.

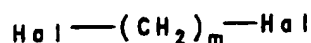
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The reaction is conveniently effected in a suitable organic solvent, such as an ether, for example, tetrahydrofuran, suitably at elevated temperature, such as the reflux temperature of the chosen solvent.

5 Intermediates of formula (V) may be prepared by reaction of compounds of formula (VI) with compounds of formula (VII)



(VI)



(VII)

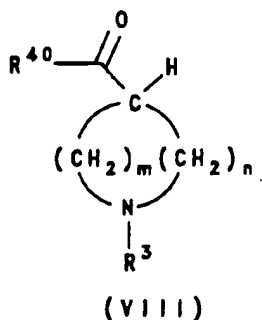
wherein  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^{40}$ ,  $m$  and Hal are as previously defined, in the presence of a base.

20 Suitable bases of use in the reaction include alkali metal hydrides, such as, for example, sodium hydride. The reaction is conveniently effected in a suitable organic solvent, such as an ether, for example, tetrahydrofuran, suitably at elevated temperature, such as the reflux temperature of the chosen solvent.

25 Compounds of formulae (VI) and (VII) are commercially available, or may be prepared from commercially available starting materials using conventional procedures well known to those skilled in the art.

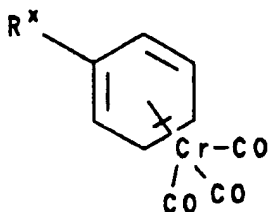
30 Compounds of formula (IV) wherein  $\text{R}^{40}$  is alkoxy and  $n$  is other than 0 may in general be prepared from the corresponding compounds of formula (VIII)

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10 wherein  $R^3$ ,  $R^{40}$  and  $m$  are as previously defined and  $n$  is 1 or 2 by treatment with a base and reaction of the resulting nucleophile with a reagent suitable to introduce the group  $R^2$ , such as an activated aryl moiety, for example

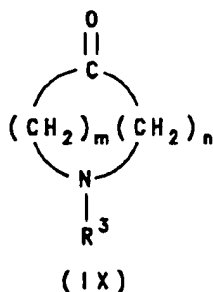
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wherein  $R^x$  is H or halo, such as chloro; an aryl iodide in the presence of nickel bromide (J. Am. Chem. Soc., 99, 4833 (1977)); or a hypervalent aryl iodide (Synthesis, 709 (1984)).

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Compounds of formula (VIII) may be prepared from the corresponding intermediates of formula (IX)



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wherein  $R^3$ , m and n are as defined for formula (VIII) by conventional methods, for example, by sequential reaction with 1,3-dithiane and an alcohol of formula  $R^{40}H$ , where  $R^{40}$  is alkoxy, in the presence of an acid, such as a mineral acid, for example, hydrochloric acid.

Still further procedures suitable for the preparation of compounds of formula (IV) will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art.

Compounds of the formula (I) wherein  $R^4$  is a  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl group and  $R^5$  is hydrogen may be prepared by reduction or a corresponding compound of the formula (I) wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  together with the carbon to which that are attached represent a  $C=C(R^{41})R^{51}$  group wherein  $R^{41}$  and  $R^{51}$  are independently hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms. Such compounds of formula (I) may be prepared from the corresponding compound of formula (I) wherein  $R^4$  is hydrogen and  $R^5$  is hydrogen by the method of P. Kocienski and M. Mortimore, T. Lett., 29 (27), 3375-3360, 1988. More suitably  $R^{41}$  is hydrogen. More suitably  $R^{51}$  is hydrogen. Most suitably this process is adapted to the preparation of a compound of the formula (I) wherein  $R^4$  is methyl and  $R^5$  is hydrogen.

Where the above-described process for the preparation of the compounds according to the invention gives rise to mixtures of stereoisomers these isomers may, if desired, be separated, suitably by conventional techniques such as preparative chromatography.

The novel compounds which contain one or more chiral centres may be prepared in racemic form, or individual enantiomers may be prepared either by enantiospecific synthesis or by resolution. For example, intermediate alcohols of formula (II), wherein  $R^{30}$  is OH, may be resolved into their component enantiomers by standard techniques, such as the formation of



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diastereomeric esters or amides, followed by chromatographic separation or separation by fractional crystallization and removal of the chiral auxiliary. The diastereomeric alcohols can then be used to prepare optically pure compounds of formula (I).

During any of the above synthetic sequences it may be necessary and/or desirable to protect sensitive or reactive groups on any of the molecules concerned. This may be achieved by means of conventional protecting groups, such as those described in Protective Groups in Organic Chemistry, ed. J.F.W. McOmie, Plenum Press, 1973; and T.W. Greene and P.G.M. Wuts, Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis, John Wiley & Sons, 1991. The protecting groups may be removed at a convenient subsequent stage using methods known from the art.

Using test methods described in PCT/GB92/01212 (International Publication No. WO 93/01159) pages 30-33, it was found that the compounds referred to in the Examples hereinafter had IC<sub>50</sub> at NKIR of less than 500 nM.

The following illustrate pharmaceutical compositions according to the invention.

Tablets containing 1-25mg of compound

	<u>Amount mg</u>		
Compound of formula (I)	1.0	2.0	25.0
Microcrystalline cellulose	20.0	20.0	20.0
Modified food corn starch	20.0	20.0	20.0
Lactose	58.5	57.5	34.5
Magnesium Stearate	0.5	0.5	0.5

Tablets containing 26-100mg of compound

	<u>Amount mg</u>		
Compound of formula (I)	26.0	50.0	100.0

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	Microcrystalline cellulose	80.0	80.0	80.0
	Modified food corn starch	80.0	80.0	80.0
	Lactose	213.5	189.5	139.5
	Magnesium Stearate	0.5	0.5	0.5
5	The compound of formula (I), cellulose, lactose and a portion of the corn starch are mixed and granulated with 10% corn starch paste. The resulting granulation is sieved, dried and blended with the remainder of the corn starch and the magnesium stearate. The resulting			
10	granulation is then compressed into tablets containing 1.0mg, 2.0mg, 25.0mg, 26.0mg, 50.0mg and 100mg of the active compound per tablet.			

Parenteral injection

15		<u>Amount mg</u>
	Compound of formula (I)	1 to 100mg
	Citric Acid Monohydrate	0.75mg
	Sodium Phosphate	4.5mg
	Sodium Chloride	9mg
20	Water for Injections	to 1ml
	The sodium phosphate, citric acid monohydrate and sodium chloride are dissolved in a portion of the water. The compound of formula (I) is dissolved or suspended in the solution and made up to volume.	

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Topical formulation

		<u>Amount mg</u>
	Compound of formula (I)	1-10g
	Emulsifying Wax	30g
30	Liquid paraffin	20g
	White Soft Paraffin	to 100g
	The white soft paraffin is heated until molten. The liquid paraffin and emulsifying wax are incorporated and stirred until dissolved. The compound of formula (I) is	

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added and stirring continued until dispersed. The mixture is then cooled until solid.

The following Examples illustrate the preparation of compounds according to the invention.

EXAMPLE 11-t-Butoxycarbonyl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine

5 a) 4-Phenyl-4-carboxy piperidine tosylate (10g) was added portionwise to a solution of lithium aluminium hydride (1.52g) in dry tetrahydrofuran (100ml) at 0°C. After addition was complete the reaction mixture was warmed to reflux for 30 min and then allowed to cool to room temperature. The reaction was then quenched by addition of 2N sodium hydroxide solution until a white granular precipitate formed. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate  
10 extracted with ethyl acetate (200ml), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and solvent removed to afford a clear oil. The residual oil was taken up in dichloromethane (50ml) and di-t-butyl-dicarbonate (1.9g) added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18h. Solvent  
15 removed and the residual oil subjected to flash chromatography on silica gel to afford 1-t-butoxycarbonyl-4-phenyl-4-hydroxymethyl piperidine as a colourless oil (2.1g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.43 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.75 (2H, td, J = 11.0, 10Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.17 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.05 (2H, td, J = 11.0, 1.0Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.55 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>-OH), 3.73 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.24-7.41 (5H, m, ArH); m/z (Cl<sup>+</sup>) 292 (M<sup>+</sup>+1).

b) Sodium hydride (120mg x 60%) was added to a stirred solution of 1-<sup>t</sup>butoxycarbonyl-4-phenyl-4-hydroxymethyl piperidine  
25 (760mg), and 3,5-bistrifluoromethylbenzylbromide (801mg), in dry dimethylformamide (5ml). The resulting solution was stirred for 18 hours at room temperature, poured into water (100ml) and extracted into ethyl acetate (50ml). The organic extract was washed with water (3 x 50ml), brine (2 x 50ml), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and the solvent  
30 removed to afford a yellow oil. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel using 15% ethyl acetate/n hexane as eluant, afforded 1-<sup>t</sup>butoxycarbonyl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyl

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oxymethyl]piperidine as a clear oil (900mg).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (360MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 1.46 (9H, s,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 1.86 (2H, td,  $J = 10.0$ , 1.0Hz,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CHH} \times 2$ ), 2.21 (2H, m,  $\text{HHCNCHH}$ ), 3.03 (2H, td,  $J = 10.0$ , 1.0Hz,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CHH} \times 2$ ), 3.45 (2H, s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-O-CH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 3.76 (2H, m,  $\text{HHCNCHH}$ ), 4.43 (2H, s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-OCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 7.24 (2H, m,  $\text{ArH} \times 2$ ), 7.33 (3H, m,  $\text{ArH} \times 3$ ), 7.54 (2H, s,  $\text{C-CH-CCF}_3 \times 2$ ), 7.73 (1H, s,  $\text{CF}_3\text{-C-CH-CCF}_3$ );  $m/z$  ( $\text{CI}^+$ ) 518 ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ ).

## EXAMPLE 2

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4-Phenyl-4-[(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)piperidine hydrochloride

1- $^t$ Butoxycarbonyl-4-phenyl-4-[(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl] piperidine (900mg) was dissolved in dry diethyl ether and a stream of dry hydrogen chloride gas poured through the solution for 30 mins. The solution was stirred for a further 2.5h at room temperature, at which point the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford a white solid. Recrystallisation from ethyl acetate afforded 4-Phenyl-4-[(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl] piperidine hydrochloride as a white amorphous solid (260mg); mp 139-141°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) 2.08 (2H, m,  $\text{N-CH}_2\text{CHH} \times 2$ ), 2.19 (2H, m,  $\text{HHC-NCHH}$ ), 2.73 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{-CHH} \times 2$ ), 3.21 (2H, m,  $\text{HHC-N-CHH}$ ), 3.49 (2H, s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-OCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 4.58 (2H, s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-OCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 7.27 (5H, m,  $\text{ArH}$ ), 7.77 (2H,  $\text{C-CH-CF}_3 \times 2$ ), 7.98 (1H, s,  $\text{CF}_3\text{-C-CH-CCF}_3$ );  $m/z$  ( $\text{CI}^+$ ) ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ ).  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NOF}_6 \cdot \text{HCl}$  requires C, 55.57; H, 4.88; N, 3.08 Found C, 55.39; H, 4.88; N, 3.13%.

## EXAMPLE 3

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2-[(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl-2-phenyl pyrrolidine

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a) Lithium aluminium hydride (1M in tetrahydrofuran; 10.6ml) was added to a cooled (0°C) suspension of (±)-2-phenylproline hydrochloride (0.85g) and the mixture heated at reflux for 1.5h. After cooling to 0°C, water (1ml) was added followed by 2M NaOH (1ml) and water (2ml). The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (50ml) then filtered through a pad of Hi-flo and the residue concentrated in vacuo to give (±)-2-phenylprolinol as a yellow oil which solidified on standing. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.42-7.20 (5H, m, ArH), 3.60 (1H, d, J = 10.0Hz, CHHOH), 3.49 (1H, d, J = 10.0Hz, CHHOH), 3.07 (2H, t, J = 5.7Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 2.43 (2H, br s, OH and NH), 2.19-1.75 (4H, m).

b) A solution of 2-phenylprolinol (0.51g) and di-t-butylidicarbonate (0.66g) in dichloromethane (4ml) was stirred at 23°C for 16h. Evaporation of the solvent in vacuo provided 1-t-butyloxycarbonyl-2-phenylprolinol as an oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.36-7.17 (5H, m, ArH), 5.27 (1H, d, J = 7.2Hz, CHHOH), 4.27 (1H, t, J = 7.6Hz), 3.94 (1H, d, J = 7.2Hz, CHHOH), 3.66 (1H, s, J = 7.4Hz), 3.51 (1H, m), 1.94 (2H, m), 1.8-1.66 (2H, m), 1.50 (9H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (90.6MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 156.3, 141.9, 128.3, 126.6, 126.0, 80.4, 71.8, 66.9, 49.1, 40.1, 28.5, 20.9.

c) Sodium hydride (80% in oil, 52mg) was added to a solution of 1-t-butyloxycarbonyl-2-phenylprolinol (370mg) and 3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl bromide (0.366ml) in dry N,N-dimethylformamide (1ml) and the mixture was stirred at 23°C for 18h. Water (20ml) was added and the mixture extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20ml). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (1 x 10ml) then dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to leave a yellow oil. Purification by chromatography on silica gel using hexane-ethyl acetate (19:1 then 9:1 then 4:1) as eluant provided 1-t-butyloxycarbonyl-2-((3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-2-phenyl pyrrolidine as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.84

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(3H, app d), 7.26 (5H, m), 4.70 (2H, d, J = 8.4Hz), 4.38 (0.5H, d, J = 9.8Hz), 4.18 (0.5H, d, J = 8.4Hz), 4.12 (0.5H, d, J = 8.4Hz), 3.97 (0.5H, d, J = 9.8Hz), 3.85-3.44 (2H, m), 2.57 (1H, m), 2.06 (1H, m), 1.94-1.56 (2H, m), 1.43 (5H, s), 1.14 (4H, s).

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d) A solution of the product of part c) (0.1g) in trifluoroacetic acid (2ml) was stirred at 23°C for 10min. Excess solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue partitioned between dichloromethane and 2M sodium hydroxide solution. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase extracted once with dichloromethane. The combined organic phases were dried (K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>) and concentrated to leave a colourless, viscous oil. The HCl salt was prepared (HCl in methanol and recrystallised from hexane-ether, to give 2-((3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl)-benzyloxymethyl)-2-phenyl pyrrolidine hydrochloride salt, mp = 152-155°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 7.99 (1H, s), 7.68 (2H, s), 7.54-7.37 (5H, m), 4.70 (d, J = 14Hz), 4.62 (d, J = 14Hz), 3.90 (d, J = 7Hz), 3.84 (d, J = 7Hz), 3.38 (2H, m), 2.48 (1H, m), 2.26 (1H, m), 2.10 (1H, m), 1.97 (1H, m). MS (CI<sup>+</sup>) m/z 404 (MH, 100%).

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The following Examples were prepared following the procedures of Examples 1 and 2.

#### EXAMPLE 4

25        4-Phenyl-4-(2-trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl  
         piperidine hydrochloride

Mpt = 181°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 2.07-2.21 (2H, m), 2.28-2.39 (2H, m), 2.64-2.78 (2H, m), 3.12-3.23 (2H, m), 3.51 (2H, s), 4.53 (2H, s), 7.24-7.72 (9H, m), 9.00 (2H, br). MS, CI<sup>+</sup>, 350 (M<sup>+</sup>); C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO.HCl requires C, 62.26; H, 6.01; N, 3.63; found C, 61.92, H, 5.97; N, 3.66.

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EXAMPLE 54-Phenyl-4-benzyloxymethylpiperidine hydrochloride

Mpt = 156°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 2.06-2.18 (2H, m),  
2.27-2.39 (2H, m), 2.62-2.76 (2H, m), 3.09-3.21 (2H, m), 3.41 (2H, s),  
5 4.38 (2H, s), 7.13-7.46 (10H, m), 9.05 (2H, br); MS, CI<sup>+</sup>, 282 (M<sup>+</sup>);  
C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO.HCl.1.8H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 68.31; H, 7.78; N, 4.19; found C,  
68.34; H, 7.58; N, 4.23.

EXAMPLE 6

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4-Phenyl-4-(3-chloro-5-<sup>t</sup>-butyl)benzyloxymethylpiperidine  
hydrochloride

Mpt = 75°C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 1.24 (9H, s),  
2.04-2.15 (2H, m), 2.30-2.38 (2H, m), 2.67-2.77 (2H, m), 3.12-3.20 (2H,  
15 m), 3.43 (2H, s), 4.40 (2H, s), 6.98 (1H, s), 7.11 (1H, s), 7.24-7.31 (2H,  
m), 7.36-7.46 (4H, m), 9.02 (2H, br). C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>ClNO.HCl requires C,  
67.74; H, 7.65; N, 3.43 found C, 67.38; H, 7.95; N, 3.26.

EXAMPLE 7

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4-Phenyl-4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyloxymethyl)piperidine  
hydrochloride

Mpt = 180°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 2.04-2.14 (2H,  
m), 2.07-2.19 (2H, m), 2.66-2.77 (2H, m), 3.12-3.22 (2H, m), 3.41 (2H,  
s), 4.40 (2H, s), 7.11 (2H, s), 7.21-7.47 (6H, m); MS (CI<sup>+</sup>), 350, 352  
25 (M<sup>+</sup>); C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO. 1.5HCl requires C, 56.35; H, 5.60; N, 3.45.  
Found C, 56.71; H, 5.49; N, 3.38%.



EXAMPLE 84-Phenyl-4-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyloxymethyl)piperidine hydrochloride

5 Mpt = 194-195°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 2.06-2.18 (2H, m), 2.30-2.40 (2H, m), 2.66-2.79 (2H, m), 3.11-3.21 (2H, m), 3.46 (2H, s), 4.49 (2H, s), 7.26-7.64 (8H, m) 8.82-9.08 (1H, b), 9.11-9.25 (1H, b); MS, CI<sup>+</sup>, 350 (M<sup>+</sup>). C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO.HCl requires C, 62.226; H, 6.01; N, 3.63. Found C, 62.33; H, 6.08; N, 3.75.

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EXAMPLE 94-Phenyl-4-(4-trifluoromethylbenzyloxymethyl)piperidine hydrochloride

15 Mpt = 113°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 2.09-2.20 (2H, m), 2.30-2.42 (2H, m), 2.64-2.80 (2H, m), 3.13-3.22 (2H, m), 3.46 (2H, s), 4.52 (2H, s), 7.26-7.49 (7H, m), 7.61-7.69 (2H, d, J = 8.1Hz), 8.96-9.06 (1H, b), 9.15-9.21 (1H, b); MS, CI<sup>+</sup>, 350 (M<sup>+</sup> +1). C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO.1.5HCl.H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 56.91; H, 6.09; N, 3.32. Found C, 56.79; H, 6.14; N, 3.38.

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EXAMPLE 101-Acetyl-4-phenyl-4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl) benzyloxymethyl) piperidine

25 Acetyl chloride (86mg) was added to a stirred solution of the compound of Example 2 (500mg) and triethylamine (310ml) in dry dichloromethane at 0°C. The resulting solution was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (50ml) and the organic layer separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane, and the combined organic extracts washed with 1N sodium hydroxide solution, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to afford a

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clear oil. Recrystallisation from hexane/ether afforded the product as white needles. mpt = 64-65°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 1.70-1.80 (1H, m), 1.81-1.91 (1H, m), 1.97 (3H, s), 2.04-2.22 (2H, br m), 2.90-2.99 (1H, m), 3.09-3.19 (1H, m), 3.51 (2H, s), 3.55-3.63 (1H, m), 3.80-3.89 (1H, m), 4.55 (2H, s), 7.20-7.45 (5H, m), 7.75 (2H, s), 7.96 (1H, s). MS, CI<sup>+</sup>, 460 (M<sup>+</sup>). C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>·0.25H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 59.55; H, 5.10; N, 3.02 found C, 59.68; H, 4.88; N, 2.90.

EXAMPLE 11

10      1-Methanesulphonyl-4-phenyl-4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl) piperidine

The title compound was prepared analogously to the preparation of Example 10: mpt = 102-104°C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 1.97-2.08 (2H, m), 2.36-2.46 (2H, m), 2.66 (3H, s), 2.80-2.90 (2H, m), 3.44 (2H, s), 3.55-3.64 (2H, m), 4.44 (2H, s), 7.24-7.44 (5H, m), 7.52 (2H, s), 7.73 (1H, s). MS, CI<sup>+</sup>, 496 (M<sup>+</sup>), 513 (M+NH<sub>4</sub>)<sup>+</sup>. C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S requires C, 53.33; H, 4.68; N, 2.83 found C, 53.06; H, 4.93; N, 2.73.

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EXAMPLE 12

5-[(4-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

a) Sodium methoxide (400mg) was added to a stirred solution of chloroacetonitrile (20g) in dry methanol (120ml). The resulting solution was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature, and then neutralised by the addition of acetic acid. <sup>t</sup>Butyl carbazate (35g) was then added and stirring continued for a further 1 hour. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the residue taken up in ethyl acetate, washed with water, the organic layer separated and dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>). Filtration and removal of solvent

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gave a white solid. Recrystallisation from isopropanol afforded N-t-Butoxycarbonyl chloromethyl imidrazone as white needles (31g).  
mpt = 69-70°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.24 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>),  
4.00 (2H, s, Cl-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 5.6 (2H, bs, NH<sub>2</sub>), 8.7 (1H, bs, NH-CO).

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b) The product of part a) (7.1g) was added to a stirred suspension of the compound of Example 2 (15.0g) in dry DMF (50ml) and the resulting solution stirred for 24 hours at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water and the aqueous mixture  
10 extracted into ethyl acetate. The organic extract was washed exhaustively with water, and finally brine, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and the solvent removed to afford a yellow solid. The recovered material was re-dissolved in dry toluene and warmed to reflux for 30 minutes in the presence of a catalytic amount of potassium t-butoxide.  
15 The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue purified by chromatography on silica gel (15% EtOAc/nHex) to afford the product as a white powder (17.2g). The recovered product was taken up in dry ether and HCl gas passed through the solution. The product crystallised as a white powder on stirring (18.1g). mp = 159-  
20 160°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.1 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>CHH x 2), 2.23 (2H, m, HH-C-NCHH), 2.61 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>CHH x 2), 2.93 (2H, m, HH-CNCHH), 3.36 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.80 (1H, d, J = 15Hz, NCHH-Met), 4.1 (1H, d, J = 15.0Hz, NCHH-Met), 4.2 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub> Ar), 7.1-7.25 (5H, m, ArH), 7.76 (2H, s, C-CH-CF<sub>3</sub> x 2); m/z (CI<sup>+</sup>) 515 (M<sup>+</sup>+1). C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>.HCl.H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 50.66; H, 4.78; N, 9.84 Found C, 50.30; H, 4.49; N, 9.55%.

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### EXAMPLE 13

2-[1'-Imidazolyl]acetyl-4-phenyl-4[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)]11  
30 benzyloxymethyl]piperidine tosylate

a) The compound of Example 2 (1.36g) was stirred with triethylamine (836μl) in anhydrous dichloromethane (70ml) under an

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inert atmosphere for 15 minutes. Bromoacetyl bromide (382 $\mu$ l) was added by syringe in one portion and the reaction mixture stirred for 2.5 hours at room temperature. The solution was washed sequentially with 40ml aliquots of 2N HCl, 0.4M NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and water, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated to a brown gum (1.8g). The recovered material was purified by flash silica gel chromatography in ethyl acetate/petrol (2:3) to afford a colourless oil, 1.0g. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (1H, s, A-H Ar), 7.54 (2H, s, 2-H and 6-H Ar), 7.36-7.42 (4H, m) and 7.27-7.31 (1H, m, Ph), 4.45 (2H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub> Ar), 4.22 (1H, dt, J = 13.7 and < 3Hz, CHHNCHH), 4.05 and 3.85 (2H total, 2 x 2, COCH<sub>2</sub>Br), 3.69 (1H, dt, J = 13.6 and < 3Hz, CHHNCHH), 3.46 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OBr), 3.27 (1H, dt, J = 12.5 and 2.7Hz, CHHCHH), 2.98 (1H, dt, J = 12.5 and 3.0Hz, CHHNCHH), 2.26-2.43 (2H, bm, CHH.C.CHH), 1.85-2.04 (2H, m, CHH.C.CHH). m/z (CI<sup>+</sup>) 538, 540 (M+1, 1:1, 45%), 460 (M-Br + 2H, 100%).

b) The compound of step a) (225mg) was stirred with sodium imidazole (45mg) in anhydrous dimethylsulphoxide (2.5ml) under an inert atmosphere for 2 hours at 60°C. The cooled solution was diluted with water (10ml) and extracted with ethyl acetate (4 x 10ml). The combined organic extracts were washed once with a saturated brine solution (10ml), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated to dryness (180mg). The crude residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography in dichloromethane-methanol (18:1) to yield the title compound as its free base (85mg). Treatment with one equivalent of pTSA in ether afforded the title compound as a white powder. mp 197.5-199.5°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO)  $\delta$  8.95 (1H, s, H-2 imid.), 7.98 (1H, s, 4-H Ar), 7.76 (2H, s, 2-H and 6-H Ar), 7.63 and 7.58 (2 x 1H, 2 x d, J < 3Hz, H-4 and H-5 imid.), 7.45-7.49 (4H, m, 2H(Ph) and 2H(Tol)), 7.37 (2H, t, J = 7.6Hz, 2H Ph), 7.25 (1H, t, J = 7.2Hz, 4-H Ph), 7.10 (2H, d, J = 7.7Hz, 2H Tol), 5.36 (1H, d, J = 16.6Hz) and 5.23 (1H, d, J = 16.6Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 4.57 (2H, s, COCH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.85 (1H, dt, J = 13.4 and < 4Hz) and 3.56 (1H, dt, J = 13.4 and < 3Hz, CHHNCHH), 3.32 (2H, s,

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CH<sub>2</sub>OBr), 3.20 (1H, bt, J = 10.4Hz) and 3.04 (1H, bt J = 10.3Hz, CHHNCHH), 2.28 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.15-2.30 (2H, bm, CHH.C.CHH), 1.97 (1H, bt, J = 10.2Hz) and 1.83 (1H, bt, J = 10.1Hz, CHH.C.CHH). m/z (CI<sup>+</sup>) 526 (M+1, 72%) 298 (76%). C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S requires: C, 56.81; H, 4.77; N, 6.02; Found C, 56.99; H, 4.50; N, 5.87%.

#### EXAMPLE 14

##### 5-[4-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

10 a) 4-Fluorophenyl acetic acid (25g) was dissolved in anhydrous methanol, stirred under nitrogen and cooled in an ice/methanol bath. Dry HCl gas was bubbled through the reaction for 1 hr. The methanol was removed by rotary evaporator, the residue was dispersed between aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate and  
15 dichloromethane. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to afford a clear oil (24.4g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ<sub>H</sub> 3.61 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.70 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.97-7.06 (2H, m, ArH), 7.20-7.27 (2H, m, ArH). MS m/z CI<sup>+</sup> 169 (M+1<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

20 b) The 4-fluorophenyl methyl acetate (24.4g) was dissolved in dry dimethyl sulphoxide (150ml) and added via a dropping funnel to sodium hydride (80% wt 15.7g) under nitrogen. After the slow addition was complete the dianion was left to form over a period of 20 mins. Mechlorethamine hydrochloride (24g) was dissolved in dry  
25 dimethyl sulphoxide (125ml) and placed in a dropping funnel and added to the dianion over a period of 20 mins. The reaction was poured onto ice (2 dm<sup>3</sup>) and left overnight. The aqueous mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (50 x 250ml), the combined organics were acidified with 5N HCl (1 dm<sup>3</sup>). The aqueous layer was basified using  
30 potassium carbonate and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 250ml). The combined organics were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford a brown oil. The oil was purified by flash chromatography

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eluted with 100% EtOAc graduated to 8% methanol in ethyl acetate, to afford the product as a light brown oil (9.5g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (360MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.9-2.03 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.07-2.19 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.27 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 2.51-2.62 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 2.72-2.86 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.65 (3H, s,  $\text{OOCH}_3$ ), 6.98-7.06 (2H, m,  $\text{ArH}$ ), 7.27-7.39 (2H, m,  $\text{ArH}$ ). MS  $\text{CI}^+$   $m/z$  224 ( $\text{M}+1^+$ , 100%).

c) The ester (7.13g) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (40ml) and stirred under nitrogen. Lithium aluminium hydride (1.0M in tetrahydrofuran 14.2ml) was added and the reaction was left stirring at room temperature for 1 hour. Water (0.54ml) followed by 15% NaOH (0.54ml) and finally more water (1.6ml) were added. The reaction was diluted down with tetrahydrofuran and filtered through celite. The solvent was removed to afford a white solid (5.94g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (360MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.84-1.95 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.12-2.24 (7H, m,  $\text{CH}_3 + \text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.51-2.59 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.55 (2H, s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 7.02-7.09 (2H, m,  $\text{ArH}$ ), 7.23-7.34 (2H, m,  $\text{ArH}$ ). MS  $\text{CI}^+$   $m/z$  224 ( $\text{M}+1^+$ , 100%).

d) The alcohol (4.1g) was dissolved in anhydrous dimethyl formamide (60ml), sodium hydride (0.61g) was added portionwise and the reaction sonicated for 30 minutes. The 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl) benzyl bromide (3.5ml) was added, the colour changed from light brown to almost black and back to light brown, heat was evolved. The reaction was left for 3 hrs. The reaction mixture was dispersed between water/ethyl acetate. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 50ml). The combined organics were washed with brine, dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ) and concentrated to afford a brown oil. Purification was carried out on flash silica elution 1% methanol in dichloromethane  $\rightarrow$  6% methanol in dichloromethane which afforded a light brown oil (4.2g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (360MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.98-2.12 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.18-2.35 (7H, m,  $\text{CH}_3 + \text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.58-2.76 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.44 (2H, s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 4.44 (2H, s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 7.00-7.08 (2H,

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m, ArH), 7.53 (2H, s, ortho H), 7.74 (1H, s, para H). MS  $\text{Cl}^+$   $m/z$  450 ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ , 100%).

5 e) The alkylated product (4.18g) was dissolved in 1,2 dichloroethane (40ml) under nitrogen, vinyl chloroformate (2.4ml) was added and the reaction was heated at reflux for 18 hrs. An extra portion of vinyl chloroformate (1ml) was added and a further 2 hrs of heating at reflux was required for complete reaction. The 1,2 dichloroethane was removed by rotary evaporator. Purification was  
10 carried out on flash silica elution 100%. Dichloromethane to afford a light brown oil (3.1g).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (360MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.85-1.93 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.22-2.31 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.43 (2H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{C}$ ), 3.86-3.92 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 4.42-4.50 (3H, m,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ar} + =\text{CHH}$ ), 4.74-4.79 (1H, dd,  $=\text{CHH}$ ), 7.03-7.11 (2H, m, ortho H [fluorine ring]), 7.17-7.23 (1H, m,  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.29-7.36 (2H, m, meta ArH), 7.53 (2H, s, ortho  $\text{CF}_3\text{H}$ ), 7.75 (1H, s, para H's). MS  $\text{Cl}^+$   $m/z$  506 ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ , 30%) 523 ( $\text{M} + (\text{NH}_4)^+$ , 70%).

20 f) The vinyl oxycarbonyl group was removed by stirring in methanolic hydrogen chloride solution for 3 hrs. When the reaction is complete by TLC the methanol is removed *in vacuo* to afford the hydrochloride salt as a white solid. Without further purification the hydrochloride salt (1.8g) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (15ml) under nitrogen, an excess of potassium carbonate (2.63g) and the N-t-butoxychloromethylimidiazone (0.95g) were added and stirred at room  
25 temperature overnight. When no starting material remained by TLC (10% MeOH in DCM), the reaction mixture was dispersed between water and ethyl acetate. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 30ml). The combined organics were washed with brine, dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ) and concentrated to afford a brown oil. The recovered  
30 oil was dissolved in toluene with a catalytic amount of potassium t-butoxide and heated at 80°C for 3 hrs. Purification was carried out on flash silica eluted with 4% MeOH in DCM rising to 8% MeOH in

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DCM. Further purification on Lobar column elution with 5% MeOH in DCM to afford a white solid (0.65g). Recrystallisation was carried out from diethyl ether/hexane.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (360MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.95-2.06 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.19-2.39 (4H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.62-2.72 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.35 (2H, s,  $\text{NCH}_2$  het), 3.44 (2H, s,  $\text{CCH}_2\text{O}$ ), 4.43 (2H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 7.00-7.07 (2H, t,  $J_1 = 8.6\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_2 = 8.7\text{Hz}$ , meta H), 7.26-7.32 (2H, dd,  $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$ ,  $J = 5.2\text{Hz}$ , ortho H's), 7.51 (2H, s, ortho H), 7.73 (1H, s, para H). MS  $\text{CI}^+$   $m/z$  533 ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ , 100%).  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{F}_7$  requires C, 54.14; H, 4.35; N, 0.52 found C, 54.16; H, 4.20; N, 10.23.

#### EXAMPLE 15

5-[4-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

Prepared analogously to Example 14. Mp 107-110°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (360MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  10.4 (~1H, bs, NH), 7.71 (1H, s, 4'-H Ar'), 7.47 (2H, s, 2'-H and 6'-H Ar'), 7.21-7.31 (2H, m, 4-H and 6-H Ar), 7.12 (1H, t,  $J = 6.9\text{Hz}$ , 5-H Ar), 6.90 (1H, dd,  $J_{\text{H-F}} = 13.3$ ,  $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.1\text{Hz}$ , 3-H Ar), 4.45 (2H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ar}'$ ), 3.68 (2H, s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 3.35 (2H, s,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 2.6-2.7 (2H, bm), 2.3-2.5 (4H, bm) and 1.95-2.05 (2H, bm,  $(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}$ ).  $m/z$  ( $\text{CI}^+$ ) 533 ( $\text{M} + 1$ , 100%); ( $\text{CI}^-$ ) 531 ( $\text{M} - 1$ , 8). Found C, 53.51; H, 4.22; N, 10.02.  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_7\text{N}_4\text{O}_2 \cdot 0.4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  requires C, 53.42; H, 4.45; N, 10.38.

#### EXAMPLE 16

5-[4-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

Prepared analogously to Example 14.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (360MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.96-2.02 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.20-2.24 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.30-2.38 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 2.64-2.70 (2H, m,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.34 (2H, s,  $\text{NCH}_2$  het), 3.46 (2H, s,  $\text{CCH}_2\text{O}$ ), 4.44 (2H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ar}$ ), 6.92-



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6.97 (H, m, ArH), 7.03-7.06 (1H, m, ArH), 7.10-7.19 (1H, m, ArH), 7.28-7.34 (H, m, ArH), 7.61 (2H, s, ArH), 7.73 (1H, s, ArH), 10.14 (1H, bs, NH). MS  $\text{CI}^+$   $m/z$  533 ( $\text{M}+1^+$ , 40%). mp 107-108°C.

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EXAMPLE 173-Phenyl-3-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl) piperidine tosylatea) 4-Phenyl, 4,4-diethoxycarbonyl butyronitrile

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Acrylonitrile (33.0g) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of diethyl phenylmalonate (70.8g) in dry t-Butanol (80ml). After the addition of approximately 20 drops, a solution of 30% methanolic potassium hydroxide (1.0ml) was added. Once the addition of acrylonitrile was complete, further 30% methanolic potassium hydroxide (1.0ml) was added and the reaction warmed to 50°C for one hour. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, then diluted with water (250ml) and extracted into ether. The organic extract was dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ), filtered, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The recovered product was purified by distillation (75g). bp 159-162°C @ 1.2mmHg.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (360MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.26 (6H, t,  $J=7.5\text{Hz}$ , 2 x  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.34 (2H, t,  $J=4.0\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}$ ), 2.62 (2H, t,  $J=4.0\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}$ ), 4.26 (4H, m, 2 x  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.34 (5H, m, Ar H);  $m/z$  ( $\text{CI}^+$ ) 307 ( $\text{M} + \text{NH}_4^+$ ) $^+$ .

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b) 3-Phenyl-3-ethoxycarbonyl piperidine 2-one

A solution of 4-phenyl 4,4 diethoxycarbonyl butyronitrile (16.49g) in dry ethanol (250ml) was hydrogenated over platinum dioxide at 50psi for 8 hours. The catalyst was filtered off and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Product recrystallised from ether (14.1g) mp 79-80°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (360MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  1.24 (t, 3H,

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J=7.0Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.71 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C), 2.32 (1H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHHC), 2.68 (1H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHHC), 3.36 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C), 4.22 (2H, q, J=7.0Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.26 (1H, bs, NH), 7.30 (5H, m, Ar H). m/z (CI<sup>+</sup>) 248 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

5 c) (I) N-t-Butoxycarbonyl-3-phenyl-3-hydroxymethyl piperidine

3-Phenyl-3-ethoxycarbonyl piperidine 2-one (7.0g) was added portionwise to a stirred solution of lithium aluminium hydride (2.15g) in dry tetrahydrofuran (100ml). Once addition was complete the solution was warmed to reflux for two hours. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature, and water (3ml) and 1N sodium hydroxide solution (3ml) added, followed by t-butoxycarbonyl anhydride (6.17g) and dry dichloromethane (60ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The white precipitate was filtered off and the filtrate extracted into dichloromethane (250ml). The organic layers were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Product recrystallised from EtOAc/nHex (13.1g). mp 101-104°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ<sub>H</sub> 1.46 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 2.00-4.00 (CH<sub>2</sub> envelope), 7.35 (5H, m, ArH); m/z (CI<sup>+</sup>), 291 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

d) (±) 3-Phenyl-3-(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl piperidine tosylate

25 KHMDS (21ml x 0.5mol) was added to a stirred solution of (±) N-t-butoxycarbonyl-3-phenyl-3-hydroxymethyl piperidine (279mg) in dry tetrahydrofuran (10ml) at -78°C. The solution was warmed to room temperature over 30min and then re-cooled to -78°C. 3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl) benzyl bromide (179μl) was then added and the solution allowed to warm to room temperature over 18 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into water (50ml), and extracted into ethyl acetate (50ml). The organic extract was stirred over magnesium sulphate, filtered, and the solvent removed under

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reduced pressure, to afford a yellow oil. Chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (20%, EtOAc/nHex) afforded a clear oil. Treatment of the recovered oil with a saturated solution of hydrogen chloride in ether afforded removal of the protecting group. The recovered salt was taken up in water (20ml), basified with 4N sodium hydroxide solution, and extracted into ethyl acetate (50ml). The organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to afford a clear oil. The recovered product was treated with p-toluene sulphonic acid to afford the tosylate salt (189mg) mp 179-180°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>) δ<sub>H</sub> [Tosyl signals omitted for clarity] 1.63 (1H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHH), 1.74 (1H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHH), 1.96 (1H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>CHHCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.02 (1H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>CHHCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.00 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 (1H, d, J=10.0Hz, NCHH-C), 3.55 (1H, d, J=6.0Hz, CCHH-OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.62 (1H, d, J=6.0Hz, CCHH-OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.65 (1H, d, J=10.0Hz, NCHH-C), 4.53 (1H, d, J=8.0Hz, OCHHAr), 4.60 (1H, d, J=8.0Hz, OCHHAr), 7.32 (5H, m ArH), 7.48 (2H, s, C-CH-CCF<sub>3</sub> x 2), 7.77 (1H, s, CF<sub>3</sub>C-CH-CCF<sub>3</sub>). m/z (CI<sup>+</sup>) 418 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>. C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>SF<sub>6</sub> requires C, 57.04; H, 4.95; N, 2.37. Found C, 56.86; H, 4.65; N, 2.26%.

### EXAMPLE 18

4-Phenyl-4-[1-(3,5-(Bistrifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethoxymethyl]piperidine hydrochloride

#### METHOD A

##### a) 1-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethyl)phenyl-1-ethanol

Sodium borohydride (2.2g) was added to a stirred solution of 3,5-bistrifluoromethyl acetophenone (15.0g) in dry methanol (100ml). The resulting solution was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature, and then reduced to dryness under reduced pressure. The solid

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residue was partitioned between saturated ammonium chloride solution and ethyl acetate. The organic layer was separated and dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ), filtered, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Recovered product was recrystallised from pentane (12.6g)  
5 mp 71-72°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (360MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.56 (3H, d,  $J=7.0\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.00 (1H, bs, OH), 5.05 (1H, q,  $J=7.0\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.8 (1H,  $\text{CF}_3\text{C}-\text{CH}-\text{CCF}_3$ ), 7.89 (2H,  $\text{C}-\text{CH}-\text{CCF}_3 \times 2$ ).

10 b) 1-[3,5-(Bistrifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-bromoethane

1-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethyl)phenyl-1-ethanol (10g) was treated with phosphorous tribromide (3.75ml). After 1 hour the mixture was added to water and extracted with hexane. The organic solution was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and filtered through silica gel to give, after  
15 evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo*, the title compound as a colourless liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (360MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.08 (3H, d,  $J=7\text{Hz}$ ), 5.21 (1H, q,  $J=7\text{Hz}$ ), 7.80 (1H, s) and 7.87 (2H, s).

20 c) 4-Phenyl-4-[1-(3,5-(bistrifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethoxymethyl]piperidine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Examples 1 and 2 using 1-(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)phenyl-1-bromoethane. Mpt 86-89°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (360MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  1.29 (1H, d,  $J=6.4\text{Hz}$ ), 2.05 (2H, m), 2.31 (2H, m), 2.71 (2H, m), 3.17 (2H, m), 3.21 (1H, d,  $J=9.2\text{Hz}$ ), 3.45 (1H, d,  $J=9.2\text{Hz}$ ), 4.56 (1H, q,  $J=6.4\text{Hz}$ ), 7.27 (1H, m), 7.38 (4H, m), 7.72 (2H, s) and 7.96 (1H, s).  $m/z$  ( $\text{CI}^+$ ) ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ ).  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_6\text{NO} \cdot \text{HCl} \cdot 0.25\text{H}_2\text{O}$  requires C, 55.94; H, 5.23; N, 2.96. Found C, 55.89; H, 5.27; N, 3.10.

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## METHOD B

a) 1-<sup>t</sup>Butoxycarbonyl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bistrifluoromethylbenzoyloxymethyl]piperidine

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1-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride (897mg) was added to a stirred solution of 3,5-bistrifluoromethyl benzoic acid (292mg) and 4-dimethylamine pyridine (483mg) in dry DMF (20ml). The resulting solution was stirred for 30 min at room temperature at which time the compound of Example 1 part a) (1.0g) was added. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 19 hrs. At this time the reaction was diluted with water (200ml) and extracted into ethyl acetate. The organic layers were separated, washed with water, brine, and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure afforded a yellow oil. Purification by MPLC (20% EtOAc/nHexane) afforded the product as a clear oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.4 (9H, s, N-CO-CCCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.95 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CHH x 2), 2.3 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CHH x 2), 3.03 (2H, m, NCHH-CH<sub>2</sub> x 2), 3.8 (2H, m, NCHH-CH<sub>2</sub> x 2), 4.35 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>O-CO), 7.0-7.2 (5H, m, ArH), 8.01 (1H, s, CF<sub>3</sub>C-CH-CCF<sub>3</sub>), 8.25 (2H, s, C-CH-CCF<sub>3</sub> x 2).

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b) 1-<sup>t</sup>Butoxycarbonyl-4-phenyl-4-[1-(3,5-bistrifluoromethylphenyl)vinylloxymethyl]piperidine

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TiCl<sub>4</sub> (1.06g) was added to cooled (0°C) stirred THF under a dry N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After the exotherm had subsided the solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and THEDA (1.69g) added followed 15 min later by freshly activated Zn dust (819mg). The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature at which point CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (216μl) and the compound of part a) (716mg) were added. The reaction was allowed to proceed for 18 hrs at room temperature. After this time the reaction was quenched with

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saturated  $K_2CO_3$  (7ml) and diluted with  $Et_2O$ . The resulting black suspension was filtered through a plug of GIII  $Al_2O_3$ , eluting with 1%  $Et_3N/Et_2O$ . The filtrate was dried over  $MgSO_4$ , filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The residual oil was  
5 purified by MPLC (10%  $EtOAc/nHex$ ) to afford the product (290mg).  
 $^1H$  NMR (360MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  1.2 (9H, s,  $C(CH_3)_3$ ), 1.95 (2H, m,  $NCH_2-CHH \times 2$ ), 2.38 (2H, m,  $NCH_2CHH \times 2$ ), 3.05 (2H, m,  $NCHH-CH_2 \times 2$ ), 3.8 (2H, s,  $CH_2O-$ ), 3.95 (2H, m,  $NCHH-CH_2 \times 2$ ), 4.21 (1H, d, J = 1.0Hz,  $C=CHH$ ), 4.63 (1H, d, J = 1.0Hz,  $C=CHH$ ), 7.1-7.3 (5H, m, ArH), 7.7 (1H, s,  $CF_3-C-CH-CCF_3$ ), 7.76 (2H, s,  $C-CH-CCF_3 \times 2$ ).  
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c) 4-Phenyl-4-[1-(3,5-(bistrifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethoxymethyl]piperidine

15 The product of part (b) (290mg) was hydrogenated over 5%  $RH/Al_2O_3$  in ethyl acetate for 30 min at atmospheric pressure. The catalyst was filtered off and solvent removed. The residual oil was purified by MPLC (5%  $EtOAc/nHexane$ ) followed by treatment with ether/HCl to afford the title compound. Identical in all respects to  
20 that of Example 18, Method A, part (c).

EXAMPLE 19

25 1-Methyl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5(bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine tosylate

Sodium cyanoborohydride (147mg) was added to a stirred suspension of the compound of Example 2 (533mg) and formaldehyde (175mg, 0.5ml x 37%) in dry methanol containing acetic acid (1.0ml).  
30 The resulting solution was stirred for 18 hours at room temperature. After this time the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residual oil taken up in water and basified to pH 10. The aqueous solution was extracted into ethyl acetate, separated and dried

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(MgSO<sub>4</sub>). Filtration and removal of solvent gave a yellow oil.

Chromatography on silica gel (5% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) afforded a clear oil (473mg). The recovered oil was treated with a solution of p-toluene sulphonic acid monohydrate (207mg) to afford the salt.

- 5 Recrystallisation from ethyl acetate gave the title compound as a white powder (580mg). mp 89-91°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, DMSO<sub>d</sub><sub>6</sub>) δ 2.01 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.55 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.67 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.67 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.71 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.37 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 4.56 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 7.30-7.48 (5H, m, ArH), 7.70 (2H, s, C-CH-CCF<sub>3</sub> x 2), 7.99 (1H, s, CF<sub>3</sub>C-CH-CCF<sub>3</sub>); MS CI<sup>+</sup> 432 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

The following compounds were prepared analogously.

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#### EXAMPLE 20

1-Isopropyl-4-phenyl-4-[3.5(bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)] piperidine tosylate

- 20 mp 158-60°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 1.09 (6H, d, J = 11.0Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 2.01 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.51 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.19 (1H, sept, J = 11.0Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 3.37 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 4.57 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 7.36-7.45 (5H, m, ArH), 7.73 (2H, s, C-CH-CCF<sub>3</sub> x 2), 8.00 (1H, s, CF<sub>3</sub>C-CH-CCF<sub>3</sub>); MS CI<sup>+</sup> 460 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>; C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>35</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>SF<sub>6</sub> requires C, 58.95; H, 5.59; N, 2.22. Found C, 59.02; H, 5.66; N, 2.26%.
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#### EXAMPLE 21

1-(2-Phenyl)ethyl-4-phenyl-4-[(3.5(bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxy)methyl)] piperidine tosylate

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mp 166-167°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> free base) δ 2.10 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.41 (4H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> and Ph-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.55 (2H, m,

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NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.93 (4H, m, PhCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.51 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 4.42 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 7.00-7.40 (10H, m, ArH), 7.49 (2H, s, C-CH-CCF<sub>3</sub>); MS CI<sup>+</sup> 522 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>; C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>SF<sub>6</sub> ½ H<sub>2</sub>O. Requires C, 61.53; H, 5.45; N, 1.99; Found C, 61.92; H, 5.30; N, 1.99%.

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EXAMPLE 22

1-Isobutyryl-4-phenyl-4-[(3,5 bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine tosylate

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mp 159-62°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, DMSO d<sub>6</sub>) 0.95 (6H, d, J = 11.0Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.2-2.5 (4H, brm, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> x 2), 2.6 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.8 (2H, d, J = 7.0Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH), 3.31 (1H, brm, CH-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.39 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.42 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>), 4.57 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 7.31-7.45 (5H, m, ArH), 7.72 (2H, s, C-CH-CCF<sub>3</sub> x 2), 7.99 (1H, s, CF<sub>3</sub>C-CH-CCF<sub>3</sub>); MS CI<sup>+</sup> 474 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>; C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>SF<sub>6</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 57.90; H, 5.92; N, 2.11; Found C, 57.62; H, 5.74; N, 1.83%.

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EXAMPLE 23

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1-Isovaleryl-4-phenyl-4-[(3,5 bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine tosylate

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mp 141-142°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, DMSO d<sub>6</sub>) 0.64 (9H, s, (CCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.49 (3H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CHH and (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.02 (3H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CHH and ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.49 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.59 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.36 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 4.57 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 7.36-7.42 (5H, m, ArH), 7.72 (2H, s, C-CH-CCF<sub>3</sub> x 2), 7.99 (1H, s, CF<sub>3</sub>C-CH-CCF<sub>3</sub>); MS CI<sup>+</sup> 502 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>; C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>41</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>SF<sub>6</sub> requires C, 60.61; H, 6.13; N, 2.48; Found C, 60.41; H, 5.84; N, 2.01%.

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EXAMPLE 24

(±)-5-[4-[1-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethylphenyl)ethoxymethyl]-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

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Prepared from the compound of Example 18 by the method of Example 12; mp 86-88°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.35 (3H, d, J=6.5Hz), 2.00-2.16 (2H, m), 2.21-2.46 (4H, m), 2.67-2.78 (2H, m), 3.27 (1H, d, J=9Hz), 3.37 (1H, d, J=9Hz), 3.39 (2H, s), 4.30 (1H, q, J=6.5Hz), 7.26-7.39 (5H, m), 7.52 (2H, s), 7.76 (1H, s); m/e CI<sup>+</sup> 529 (M+1). Found: C, 57.15; H, 4.99; N, 10.51%. C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires C, 56.82; H, 4.96; N, 10.60.

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EXAMPLE 25

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4-Phenyl-4-[(3-chloro-5-methyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine hydrochloride

Prepared following the procedure of Examples 1 and 2; mp 159-160°C. C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NOCl. HCl requires C, 65.57; H, 6.88; N, 3.82; Found C, 65.69; H, 6.91; N, 3.60%.

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EXAMPLE 26

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4-Phenyl-4-[(3-bromo-5-methyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine hydrochloride

Prepared following the procedures of Examples 1 and 2; mp 55-57°C. C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NOBr. HCl 0.4H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 57.47; H, 6.22; N, 3.35; Found C, 57.36; H, 6.10; N, 3.09%.

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EXAMPLE 274-Phenyl-4-[(3-methyl-5-*t*-butyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine  
hydrochloride

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Prepared following the procedures of Examples 1 and 2;  
mp 51-52°C. C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO. HCl. H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 71.00; H, 8.94; N, 3.45;  
Found C, 71.22; H, 9.16; N, 3.48%.

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EXAMPLE 28Methyl-2-[4-phenyl-4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)  
piperidine]acetate hydrochloride

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Potassium carbonate (3mg) was added to a stirred solution of  
the compound of Example 2 (4.47g) and methyl bromoacetate (1.5g) in  
dry dimethyl formamide (25ml). Stirred at room temperature for 18  
hours. After this time the reaction was poured into water (100ml),  
extracted into ethyl acetate (50ml), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and the  
solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash  
chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 30% EtOAc/nHg) followed by treatment with  
ethereal HCl afforded the product as a white powder (2.23g), mp 63-  
65°C. C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>6</sub>. HCl. ½H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 53.90; H, 5.10; N, 2.62;  
Found C, 54.01; H, 5.24; N, 2.74%

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EXAMPLE 29N-methyl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]  
piperidine methiodide

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Excess methyl iodide was added to a solution of the compound  
of Example 19 (80mg) in dry acetone. The solution was warmed to  
reflux for 4 hours, cooled to room temperature and the solvent

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removed under reduced pressure. Product recrystallised from isopropanol (109mg), mp 197-199°C.  $C_{23}H_{24}NOF_6 \cdot H_2O$  requires C, 46.71; H, 4.77; N, 2.37; Found C, 46.64; H, 4.37; N, 2.31%.

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EXAMPLE 30

4-[(3,5-Bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-1-(4H-[1,2,4]triazol-3-yl-methyl)piperidine dihydrochloride

- 10 Potassium carbonate (608mg) was added to a suspension of the compound of Example 2 (500mg) and N-formamido-2-chloromethyl acetamidine (382mg) in dry dimethyl formamide. The solution was warmed to 60°C for 2 hours and then to 140°C for a further 1 hour. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with water and
- 15 extracted into ethyl acetate. The organic layers were separated, washed with water, then brine, and dried ( $MgSO_4$ ). Filtration and removal of solvent afforded a yellow oil. Purification by flash chromatography ( $SiO_2$  10%, MeOH/DCM) followed by treatment with ethereal hydrogen chloride afforded the product as a white powder
- 20 (200mg), mp 119-120°C.  $C_{24}H_{24}N_4OF_6 \cdot 2HCl$  requires C, 50.44; H, 4.59; N, 9.81. Found C, 50.40; H, 4.62; N, 10.10%.

EXAMPLE 31

- 25 5-[4-(3-Methyl-5-t-butyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

Prepared analogously to Example 12 from the compound of Example 27; mp 144-145°C. MS  $CI^+$  448 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

EXAMPLE 32

2-[4-Phenyl-4-[3.5(bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-N-3-pyridyl methyl-N-methyl acetamide. Dihydrochloride

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Prepared analogously to Example 28; mp 135-137°C.

$C_{30}H_{31}N_3O_2F_6 \cdot 2HCl \cdot 2H_2O$  requires C, 52.48; H, 5.14; N, 6.12; Found C, 52.12; H, 5.29; N, 6.22%.

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EXAMPLE 33

4-[(3.5-Bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-1-(2-methyl-thiazol-5-yl-methyl)-4-phenyl piperidine dihydrochloride

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Prepared analogously to Example 28; mp 110-113°C.

$C_{26}H_{26}N_2OSF_6 \cdot 2HCl$  requires C, 51.92; H, 4.89; N, 4.66; Found C, 51.72; H, 4.64; N, 4.56%.

EXAMPLE 34

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4-[(3.5-Bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-1-[1.2.4]-oxadiazol-3-ylmethyl-4-phenyl piperidine hydrochloride

Prepared analogously to Example 28; mp 90-91°C.

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$C_{24}H_{23}N_3O_2F_6 \cdot HCl$  requires C, 53.79; H, 4.51; N, 7.84; Found C, 53.77; H, 4.52; N, 7.53%.

EXAMPLE 35

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(±)5-[4-(3.5-bistrifluoromethylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-yl]-1-ethyl-2,4-dihydro-[1.2.4]-triazol-3-one tosylate

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Prepared analogously to Example 12; mp 230-231°C.  
 $C_{32}H_{34}N_4O_5SF_6 \cdot \frac{1}{2}H_2O$  requires C, 54.16; H, 4.97; N, 7.89; Found C, 54.12; H, 4.74; N, 7.99%.

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EXAMPLE 36

1-[4-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethyl)-benzyloxymethyl-4-phenyl-  
piperidin-1-yl]-2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-acetamide

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Prepared analogously to Example 10, mp 180-182°C.  
 $C_{34}H_{36}N_2SO_5F_6$  requires C, 58.28; H, 5.47; N, 3.99; Found C, 58.45; H, 5.60; N, 3.92%.

EXAMPLE 37

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N-methanesulphonyl-2-[4-phenyl-4-(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl  
benzyloxymethyl) piperidin-1-yl]acetamide

(a) N-Bromoacetyl-methanesulfonamide

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Sodium hydride (1.68g x 60%) was added to a stirred solution of methanesulfonamide (2.0g) in dry tetrahydrofuran (20ml) at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, as which time it was treated with a solution of bromoacetyl bromide (4.2g) in dry tetrahydrofuran (10ml). After 1 hour the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue taken up in water and acidified to pH3. The acidic solution was extracted into ethyl acetate, dried ( $MgSO_4$ ), filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Recrystallisation from isopropanol afforded the product as white needles: mp 112-114°C.

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(b) N-methanesulphonyl-2-[4-phenyl-4-(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl  
benzyloxymethyl) piperidin-1-yl]acetamide

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Prepared analogously to Example 28 from the product of part (a) and the compound of Example 2; mp 97-99°C.

$C_{24}H_{26}H_2SO_4F_6 \cdot \frac{1}{2}H_2O$  requires C, 51.33; H, 4.84; N, 4.99; Found C, 51.47; H, 4.83; N, 5.01.

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### EXAMPLE 38

N-phenylsulphonyl-2-[4-phenyl-4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)piperidin-1-yl]acetamide

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(a) N-Bromoacetylphenylsulfonamide

Prepared analogously to the compound of Example 36, part (2).

(b) N-phenylsulphonyl-2-[4-phenyl-4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)piperidin-1-yl]acetamide

15

Prepared analogously to Example 37 from the product of part (a) and the compound of Example 2; mp 110-114°C. MS  $CI^+$  614 ( $M+1$ )<sup>+</sup>.

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### EXAMPLE 39

4-Phenyl-4-[(3-phenyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine hydrochloride

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Prepared following the method of Examples 1 and 2. The crude concentrate was crystallised from hot ethyl acetate to yield the title compound as a white crystalline solid (2.60g); m.p. 158.5-159.0°C (EtOAc).  $^1H$  NMR (360MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO) 9.00 (2H, bs,  $+NH_2$ ), 7.35-7.60 (12H, m), 7.26 (1H, t, J=7.2) and 7.16 (1H, d, J=7.6, Ar-H), 4.46 (2H, s,  $OCH_2Ar$ ), 3.46 (2H, s,  $C.CH_2O$ ), 3.16 (2H, m, 2 x  $CHH.CH_2N$ ), 2.71 (2H, t, J=10.5, 2 x  $CHH.CH_2N$ ), 2.34 (2H, bm) and 2.13 (2H, m,  $CH_2NCH_2$ ). m/z ( $CI^+$ ) 358 ( $M+1$ , 100%). Found C, 76.51; H, 7.44;

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N,3.70.  $C_{25}H_{27}NO.HCl$  requires C, 76.21; H, 6.92; N, 3.56%.  
HPLC > 99.5%.

#### EXAMPLE 40

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5-[4-(3-Phenyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

Prepared from the compound of Example 39 (2.0g) as described  
10 in Example 12. Flash silica gel chromatography eluting with 9:1  
dichloromethane:methanol ( $R_f=0.21$ ) gave a yellow gloss (1.8g).  
Crystallisation from ethyl acetate and diethyl ether gave the title  
compound as solids (1.56g); m.p. 148-149°C (EtOAc-Et<sub>2</sub>O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR  
(360MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) 11.21 (1H, bs) and 11.16 (1H, s, 2 x NH), 7.29-  
15 7.59 (12H, m), 7.19 (1H, t, J=7.2) and 7.12 (1H, d, J=7.6, Ar-H), 4.41  
(2H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 3.43 (2H, s, C.CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.15 (2H, s, NCH<sub>2</sub>. C=N), 2.55  
(2H, bm, 2 x CHH.CH<sub>2</sub>N), 2.15 (4H, bm) and 1.93 (2H, m, 2 x  
CHH.CH<sub>2</sub>N). m/z (CI<sup>+</sup>) 455 (M+1, 100%). Found C, 74.02; H, 6.61;  
N, 12.47.  $C_{28}H_{30}N_4O_2$  requires C, 73.97; H, 6.66; N, 12.32%.  
20 HPLC > 99.5%.

#### EXAMPLE 41

25 5-[4-(Benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one hydrochloride

Prepared from the compound of Example 5 by the method of  
Example 12; m.p. 144-147°C.  $C_{22}H_{26}N_4O_2.HCl$  requires C, 69.82; H,  
6.93; N, 14.80; Found C, 69.78; H, 6.84; N, 14.64%.

**EXAMPLE 42****N-[2-Amino-2-methyl propionamidol-4-phenyl-4-  
[3,5(bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine hydrochloride**

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Prepared from the compound of Example 2 by the method of Example 9; m.p. 156-159°C.  $C_{26}H_{28}N_2O_2F_6.HCl$  requires C, 55.71; H, 5.42; N, 5.19; Found C, 55.43; H, 5.40; N, 5.00%.

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**EXAMPLE 43****4-Phenyl-4-[3,5(bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxyethyl]piperidine  
hydrochloride**

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**a) 4-Acetyl-1-<sup>t</sup>butyloxycarbonyl-4-phenyl piperidine**

4-Acetyl-4-phenyl piperidine (2.2g) and di-*tert*-butyldicarbonate (2.83g) were dissolved in dichloromethane and stirred for one hour. The solvent was removed and the residue was recrystallised from petrol to yield a white solid (2.6g).  $m/z$  ( $CI^+$ ), 303.

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**b) 1-<sup>t</sup>Butyloxycarbonyl-4-(1-hydroxyethyl)-4-phenyl piperidine**

The ketone above (2.0g) was dissolved in methanol (20ml) and reacted with sodium borohydride (500mg). The reaction was stirred for one hour and the solvent was removed. The residue was purified by silica chromatography to yield a white solid (1.8g).  $m/z$  ( $CI^+$ ), 306 ( $M+1$ )<sup>+</sup>.

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**c) 4-Phenyl-4-[3,5(bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxyethyl]  
piperidine hydrochloride**

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Prepared from the compound of part b) as described in Example 2; m.p. 209-211°C.  $C_{22}H_{23}NOF_6.HCl$  requires C, 56.47; H, 5.17; N, 2.99; Found C, 56.64; H, 5.27; N, 2.91%.



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EXAMPLE 44

4-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxy  
methyl]piperidine hydrochloride

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Prepared from 3,4-dichlorophenyl acetic acid by the method of Example 14; m.p. 174°C.  $C_{21}H_{19}Cl_2F_6NO$ . HCl requires C, 48.25; H, 3.86; N, 2.68. Found C, 48.32; H, 3.80; N, 2.46.

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EXAMPLE 45

1-[4-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-  
piperidin-1-yl]-2-pyridin-3-yl ethanone

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Prepared from the compound of Example 2 by the method of Example 9; m.p. 155°C.  $C_{28}H_{26}F_6N_2O_2$ .  $C_7H_8SO_3$  requires C, 59.31; H, 4.84; N, 3.95. Found C, 59.30; H, 4.71; N, 3.82.

EXAMPLE 46

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1-[4-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-  
piperidin-1-yl]-2-pyridin-2-yl ethanone tosylate

25

Prepared from the compound of Example 2 by the method of Example 9; m.p. 153°C.  $C_{28}H_{26}F_6N_2O_2$ .  $C_7H_8SO_3$ .  $H_2O$  requires C, 57.85; H, 4.99; N, 3.85. Found C, 58.08; H, 4.85; N, 3.66.

EXAMPLE 47

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1-[4-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-  
piperidin-1-yl]-2-pyridin-4-yl ethanone

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Prepared from the compound of Example 2 by the method of Example 9; m.p. 153°C.  $C_{28}H_{26}F_6N_2O_2 \cdot C_7H_8SO_3 \cdot 0.25H_2O$  requires C, 58.94; H, 4.88; N, 3.93. Found C, 58.80; H, 4.83; N, 3.85.

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EXAMPLE 48

1-[4-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-3-dimethylamino-propan-1-one

10

Prepared from the compound of Example 2 by the method of Example 9; m.p. 133°C.  $C_{26}H_{30}F_6N_2O_2 \cdot C_7H_8SO_3$  requires C, 57.55; H, 5.56; N, 4.07. Found C, 57.81; H, 5.81; N, 3.98.

EXAMPLE 49

15

2-[4-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]acetate sodium salt

20

Prepared from the compound of Example 2 by the method of Example 27; m.p. 183-185°C.  $C_{23}H_{23}F_6NO_3 \cdot Na$  requires C, 55.42; H, 4.65; N, 2.81. Found C, 55.14; H, 4.56; N, 2.80.

EXAMPLE 50

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4-[4-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-butyrate sodium salt

30

Prepared from the compound of Example 2 by the method of Example 27; m.p. > 230°C.  $C_{25}H_{26}F_6NO_3Na \cdot 0.5H_2O$  requires C, 56.18; H, 5.09; N, 2.62. Found C, 55.96; H, 5.41; N, 2.49.

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EXAMPLE 51

Methyl-4-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-butyrate hydrochloride

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Prepared from the compound of Example 2 by the method of Example 27; m.p. 103°C.  $C_{26}H_{29}F_6NO_3 \cdot HCl$  requires C, 56.37; H, 5.46; N, 2.53. Found C, 56.13; H, 5.33; N, 2.54.

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EXAMPLE 52

1-[4-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-3-dimethylamino ethanone tosylate

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Prepared from the compound of Example 2 by the method of Example 27; m.p. 186-188°C.  $C_{25}H_{28}F_6N_2O_2 \cdot C_7H_8SO_3$  requires C, 56.97; H, 5.38; N, 4.15. Found C, 56.89; H, 5.45; N, 4.04.

EXAMPLE 53

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1-[4-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-3-dimethylamino-pent-1-one tosylate

25

Prepared from the compound of Example 2 by the method of Example 27; m.p. 130-131°C.  $C_{27}H_{32}F_6N_2O_2 \cdot C_7H_8SO_3 \cdot 0.5H_2O$  requires C, 57.38; H, 5.81; N, 3.94. Found C, 57.26; H, 5.77; N, 4.17.

EXAMPLE 54

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4-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-1-[1-(4-toluenesulphonyl)-imidazole-2-yl]-methyl-4-phenyl piperidine

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Prepared from the compound of Example 2 by the method of Example 18; m.p. 99-100°C.  $C_{32}H_{31}F_6N_3O_3S$  requires C, 58.98; H, 4.80; N, 6.45. Found C, 59.28; H, 4.85; N, 6.32.

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**EXAMPLE 55**

4-(3,5-Bistrifluoromethylbenzyloxymethyl)-1-(1H-imidazole-2-yl-methyl)-4-phenyl piperidine hydrochloride

10

Prepared from the compound of Example 2 by the method of Example 18; m.p. 171°C.  $m/z$  (CI<sup>+</sup>) 498.

**EXAMPLE 56**

15

5-[4-(1-[3-Bromophenyl]-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

Prepared by the methods of Example 18 Method A and Example 12.  $m/z$  (CI<sup>+</sup>) 452 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

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**EXAMPLE 57**

4-phenyl-4-(1-(3-Bromophenyl)-ethoxymethyl)-piperidine Hydrochloride

25

Prepared by the method of Example 18 Method A.  $m/z$  (CI<sup>+</sup>) 375 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

**EXAMPLE 58**

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5-[4-(1-[3-Chlorophenyl]-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

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Prepared by the method of Example 18 Method A.  $m/z$  (CI<sup>+</sup>)  
392 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

**EXAMPLE 59**

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**4-phenyl-4-[3-Iodobenzyloxymethyl]-piperidine**

Prepared by the method of Examples 1 and 2.  $m/z$  (CI<sup>+</sup>) 408  
(M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

10

**EXAMPLE 60**

15

**5-[4-(3-Iodobenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one**

Prepared by the method of Examples 1, 2 and 12.  $m/z$  (CI<sup>+</sup>)  
505 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

**EXAMPLE 61**

20

**4-phenyl-4-[3-Chlorobenzyloxymethyl]-piperidine  
Hydrochloride**

Prepared by the method of Examples 1 and 2. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>  
NOCl.HCl requires C, 64.78; H, 6.58; , 3.98. Found C, 64.85; H,  
6.62; N, 3.99%.

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**EXAMPLE 62**

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**5-[4-(3-Chlorobenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one**



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Prepared by the method of Example 18 Method A and  
Example 10.  $C_{26}H_{32}N_2O_2Cl_2 \cdot HCl \cdot \frac{1}{2}H_2O$  requires C, 59.95; H, 6.56;  
N, 5.38; Found C, 59.76; H, 6.68; N, 5.46%.

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EXAMPLE 674-phenyl-4-[3-<sup>t</sup>-Butylbenzyloxymethyl]-piperidine.

Prepared by the method of Examples 1 and 2.  $m/z$  (CI<sup>+</sup>) 338  
10 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

EXAMPLE 68

4-phenyl-4-[3-Cyanobenzyloxymethyl]-piperidine.

15

Prepared by the method of Examples 1 and 2.  $m/z$  (CI<sup>+</sup>) 307  
(M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

EXAMPLE 69

20

5-[4-(3-Cyanobenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

Prepared by the method of Examples 1, 2 and 12.  $m/z$  (CI<sup>+</sup>)  
25 404 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

EXAMPLE 70

4-phenyl-4-[4-Cyanobenzyloxymethyl]-piperidine  
30 Hydrochloride

Prepared by the method of Example 1 and 2.  $m/z$  (CI<sup>+</sup>) 343  
(M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

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EXAMPLE 71

5 5-[4-(4-Cyanobenzoyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

Prepared by the method of Examples 1, 2 and 12. m/z (CI<sup>+</sup>)  
404 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

EXAMPLE 72

10 5-[4-(3-<sup>4</sup>Butylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

15 Prepared by the method of Examples 1, 2 and 12. m/z (CI<sup>+</sup>)  
435 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

EXAMPLE 73

20 1-[4-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-3-piperidin-4-yl-propionamide Hydrochloride

Prepared by the method of Examples 1, 2 and 10. m/z (CI<sup>+</sup>)  
481 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

EXAMPLE 74

25 1-(4-[3,5-Dichlorobenzoyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl)-2-pyrrolidine acetamide Hydrochloride

30 Prepared by the method of Examples 1, 2 and 10.  
C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.HCl.¼H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 59.77; H, 6.32; N, 5.37;  
Found C, 59.67; H, 6.42; N, 5.21%.



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EXAMPLE 75

4-[3-Chloro-5-methoxybenzyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-piperidine  
Hydrochloride

5

Prepared by the method of Examples 1 and 2. mp 150-152°C.

EXAMPLE 76

10

5-[4-(3-Chloro-5-methoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-  
piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

15

Prepared by the method of Examples 1, 2 and 12. mp 147-149°C.

EXAMPLE 77

20

4-[3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-1-(5-  
pyrrolidineethyl)carbamate piperidine hydrochloride

a) 4-[3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-1-(4-  
nitrophenyl)carbamate-4-phenylpiperidine

25

Triethylamine (2.2g) was added to a solution of 4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenylpiperidine hydrochloride (5g) in dry dichloromethane, 85ml and stirred for 15 mins before 4-nitrophenylcarbamate (2.2g) was added. After 3 hrs the mixture was washed with water (x 3), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with 4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate to give the title compound as a clear oil. MS CI<sup>+</sup> (559, M<sup>+</sup>).

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b) 4-[3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-1-(5-pyrrolidine ethyl)carbamate piperidine hydrochloride

5 The compound of part (a) (2.8g) and 1-(2-hydroxyethyl)pyrrolidine (.55g) were dissolved in dry tetrahydrofuran (15ml). Sodium hydride (210mg) was added. After stirring for two hours the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*.  
10 Azeotroped with toluene (x 3). The residue was treated with ethereal HCl then triturated with diethyl ether to give the title compound. NMR (360MHz, DMSO) 1.81-1.93 (6H, m), 2.14-2.19 (2H, m), 3.05 (4H, broad), 3.40 (2H, s), 3.72 (2H, broad), 3.52 (4H, s), 4.33 (2H, s), 4.55 (2H, s), 7.22-7.44 (5H, m), 7.74 (2H,s), 7.94  
15 (1H, s), 11.23 (broad, N+H<sub>2</sub>).

EXAMPLE 78

20 5-[4-(3,5-Bismethylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

Prepared as described in Examples 1, 2 and 12. mp 144-145°C.

25 EXAMPLE 79

(±)-5-[4-(1-(3-N,N-Dimethylphenyl)-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

30 Prepared as described in Example 18 Method B and Example 12. m/z (CI)<sup>+</sup> 435 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

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**EXAMPLE 80**

4-Phenyl-4-[1-(3-Isopropoxy)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine  
Hydrochloride

5

Prepared as described in Examples 1, 2 and Example 12.  
 $m/z$  (CI)<sup>+</sup> 354 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

**EXAMPLE 81**

10

5-[4-(1-(3-Isopropoxyphenyl)-ethoxymethyl)-4-piperidin-1-  
ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4] triazol-3-one

15

Prepared as described in Example 18 Method A and Example  
12.  $m/z$  (CI)<sup>+</sup> 451 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

**EXAMPLE 82**

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4-Phenyl-4-(2-cyanobenzyloxymethyl)piperidine  
Hydrochloride

Prepared as described in Examples 1 and 2.  $m/z$  (CI)<sup>+</sup> 307  
(M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

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**EXAMPLE 83**

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-[3,5-  
bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine Hydrochloride

30

Prepared as described in Example 14.  $m/z$  (CI)<sup>+</sup> 448 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

EXAMPLE 84

4-Phenyl-4-[(2-methoxy-5-bromo)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine  
Hydrochloride

5

Prepared as described in Examples 1 and 2.  $m/z$  (CI)<sup>+</sup> 390  
(M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

EXAMPLE 85

10

4-Phenyl-4-[1-(3,6-dichlorophenyl)-ethoxymethyl]piperidine  
Hydrochloride

Prepared as described in Example 18 Method A and Example  
15 12. mp 120-128°C.  $m/z$  (CI)<sup>+</sup> 364 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

EXAMPLE 86

20

4-Phenyl-4-[1-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-ethoxymethyl]piperidine  
Hydrochloride

Prepared as described in Example 18 Method A and Example  
12.  $m/z$  (CI)<sup>+</sup> 364 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

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EXAMPLE 87

30

4-Phenyl-4-[2,3-(dimethoxy)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine  
Hydrochloride

Prepared as described in Example 18 Method A and Example  
12.  $m/z$  (CI)<sup>+</sup> 439 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>.

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EXAMPLE 88

5-[4-(3-Isopropoxy)benzyloxymethyl-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one

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mp 140°C.

EXAMPLE 89

10 4-[3-(Trifluoromethoxy)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-piperidine Hydrochloride

mp 129°C.

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EXAMPLE 90

The compound of Example 56 (15mg) was resolved by HPLC (CHIRACEL OJ. 5% EtOH/hexane 40°C) to afford the single enantiomers:

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(+)-5-[4-(1-[3-Bromophenyl]-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one.  $[\alpha]^{23}_D = +23.8^\circ$  (6.0mg).

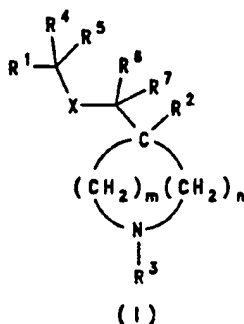
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(-)-5-[4-(1-[3-Bromophenyl]-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one.  $[\alpha]^{23}_D = -24.2^\circ$  (8.2mg).

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CLAIMS:

1. A compound of formula (I), or a salt or  
5 prodrug thereof:



15 wherein

m is 2, 3 or 4;

n is 0, 1 or 2 when m is 2 or 3, and n is 0 or  
1 when m is 4;

X represents O or S;

20  $R^1$  represents phenyl optionally substituted by  
1, 2 or 3 groups selected from  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl,  
 $C_{2-6}$ alkynyl, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl,  
trimethylsilyl,  $-OR^a$ ,  $SR^a$ ,  $SOR^a$ ,  $SO_2R^a$ ,  $-NR^aR^b$ ,  $-NR^aCOR^b$ ,  
 $-NR^aCO_2R^b$ ,  $-CO_2R^a$  or  $-CONR^aR^b$ , where  $R^a$  and  $R^b$  each  
25 independently represent H,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, phenyl or  
trifluoromethyl;

$R^2$  represents phenyl optionally substituted by  
1, 2 or 3 groups selected from  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl,  
 $C_{2-6}$ alkynyl, halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl,  
30 trimethylsilyl,  $-OR^a$ ,  $SR^a$ ,  $SOR^a$ ,  $SO_2R^a$ ,  $-NR^aR^b$ ,  $-NR^aCOR^b$ ,  
 $-NR^aCO_2R^b$ ,  $-CO_2R^a$  or  $-CONR^aR^b$ , where  $R^a$  and  $R^b$  are as  
previously defined; heteroaryl selected from indazolyl,  
thienyl, furyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, tetrazolyl and  
quinolyl; benzhydryl; or benzyl; wherein each heteroaryl

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and each phenyl moiety of benzyl and benzhydryl may be substituted by C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo or trifluoromethyl; and

5 R<sup>3</sup> represents H, COR<sup>9</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, COCONR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, COCO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup>, CONR<sup>10</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup>, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl optionally substituted by a group selected from (CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, CONR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, hydroxy, cyano, COR<sup>9</sup>, NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, C(NO<sub>2</sub>)NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, CONHphenyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), COCO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>10</sup>, COCONR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup>, CONR<sup>10</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup> and phenyl optionally substituted by one or  
10 more substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo and trifluoromethyl), Y-R<sup>8</sup> or CO-Z-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>-R<sup>12</sup>;

R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> each independently represent H or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

15 R<sup>8</sup> represents an optionally substituted aromatic heterocycle;

R<sup>9</sup> represents H, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or phenyl;

R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> each independently represent H or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

20 R<sup>12</sup> represents NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> or an optionally substituted aromatic or non-aromatic azacyclic or azabicyclic group;

R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> each independently represent H, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, phenyl optionally substituted by one or more of C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo or trifluoromethyl or  
25 phenylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted in the phenyl ring by one or more of C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo or trifluoromethyl;

R<sup>15</sup> represents C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, trifluoromethyl or phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents  
30 selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halo and trifluoromethyl;

Y represents a hydrocarbon chain of 1,2,3 or 4 carbon atoms which may optionally be substituted by oxo;

Z represents CH<sub>2</sub>, O, S or NR<sup>10</sup>; and

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q represents 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

2. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof  
5 wherein X is 0, m is 2 and n is 2 and R<sup>2</sup> is phenyl or substituted phenyl.

3. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 or 2 wherein R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are H.  
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4. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3 wherein R<sup>5</sup> is methyl.

5. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 wherein R is substituted phenyl.  
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6. A compound as claimed in claim 5 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is phenyl optionally substituted in either or both the 3- and 5-positions by chloro, bromo, methyl, t-butyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- and isopropyl and n-, sec- and t-butyl.  
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7. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is H.  
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8. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is Y-R<sup>8</sup> wherein Y is as defined in claim 1 and R<sup>8</sup> is an oxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, imidazolyl, thiadiazolyl, triazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl or triazinyl group substituted by methyl, methoxy, phenyl, oxo, thioxo, bromo, iodo, NH<sub>2</sub>, SCH<sub>3</sub>, COOH<sub>2</sub> or cyano group.  
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9. A compound which is:



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- 4-phenyl-4-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxy  
methyl]piperidine;  
2-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-2-  
phenylpyrrolidine;  
5 4-phenyl-4-[(2-trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]  
piperidine;  
4-phenyl-4-benzyloxymethylpiperidine;  
4-phenyl-4-[(3-chloro-5-t-butyl)benzyloxymethyl]  
piperidine;  
10 4-phenyl-4-[(3,5-dichloro)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
4-phenyl-4-[(3-trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]  
piperidine;  
4-phenyl-4-[(4-trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]  
piperidine;  
15 1-acetyl-4-phenyl-4-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)  
benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
1-methanesulphonyl-4-phenyl-4-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)  
benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
5-[(4-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-  
20 piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
2-[1'-imidazolyl]acetyl-4-phenyl-4-[(3,5-  
bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
5-[4-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-(4-  
fluorophenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-  
25 dihydro[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
5-[4-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-(2-  
fluorophenyl)-piperidin-1-yl)methyl]-2,4-  
dihydro[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
5-[4-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-(3-  
30 fluorophenyl)-piperidin-1-yl)methyl]-2,4-  
dihydro[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
3-phenyl-3-[(3,5-bistrifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]  
piperidine);

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- 4-phenyl-[4-[1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)  
ethoxymethyl]piperidine;  
1-methyl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)  
benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
5 1-isopropyl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)  
benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
1-(2-phenyl)ethyl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)  
benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
1-isobutyryl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)  
10 benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
1-isovaleryl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)  
benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
(±)-5-[4-[1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)  
ethoxymethyl]-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-2,4-dihydro-  
15 [1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
4-phenyl-4-[(3-chloro-5-methyl)benzyloxymethyl]  
piperidine;  
4-phenyl-4-[(3-bromo-5-methyl)benzyloxymethyl]  
piperidine;  
20 4-phenyl-4-[(3-methyl-5-t-butyl)benzyloxymethyl]  
piperidine;  
methyl-2-[4-phenyl-4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)  
benzyloxymethyl]piperidine]acetate;  
N-methyl-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)  
25 benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenyl-1-  
(4H-[1,2,4]triazol-3-yl-methyl)piperidine;  
5-[4-(3-methyl-5-t-butyl)benzyloxymethyl]4-  
phenylpiperidin-1-ylmethyl]2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazol-3-  
30 one;  
2-[4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-  
N-3-pyridylmethyl-N-methylacetamide;  
4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-1-(2-  
methylthiazol-5-ylmethyl)-4-phenylpiperidine;

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- 4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]-1-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-3-ylmethyl-4-phenylpiperidine;  
(±)-5-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenylpiperidinyl-1-ethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
5 1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl]-2-pyrrolidin-1-ylacetamide;  
N-methanesulphonyl-2-[4-phenyl-4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)piperidin-1-yl]acetamide;  
10 N-phenylsulphonyl-2-[4-phenyl-4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)piperidin-1-yl]acetamide;  
4-phenyl-4-[(3-phenyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
15 5-[4-(3-phenyl)benzyloxymethyl]-4-phenylpiperidin-1-ylmethyl-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
5-[4-(benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazol-3-one;  
N-[2-amino-2-methylpropionamido]-4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
20 4-phenyl-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxyethyl]piperidine;  
4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine;  
25 1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl]-2-pyridin-3-ylethanone;  
1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl]-2-pyridin-2-ylethanone;  
1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl]-2-pyridin-4-ylethanone;  
30 1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl]-3-dimethylamino-propan-1-one;  
2-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl]acetate;

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- 4-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]butyrate;  
methyl-4-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]butyrate;
- 5 1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-3-dimethylaminoethanone;  
1-[4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-3-dimethylaminopent-1-one;
- 10 4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-1-[1-(4-toluenesulphonyl)-imidazole-2-yl]methyl-4-phenylpiperidine;  
4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-1-(1H-imidazole-2-yl-methyl)-4-phenylpiperidine;
- 15 5-[4-(1-[3-bromophenyl]-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
4-phenyl-4-(1-(3-bromophenyl)-ethoxymethyl)-piperidine hydrochloride;
- 20 5-[4-(1-[3-chlorophenyl]-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
4-phenyl-4-[3-iodobenzyloxymethyl]-ethoxymethyl)-piperidine;
- 25 5-[4-(3-iodobenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
4-phenyl-4-[3-chlorobenzyloxymethyl]-piperidine hydrochloride;
- 30 5-[4-(3-chlorobenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
1-[4-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]-2-(1H-indole-3-yl) acetamide;
- 4-[4-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-quinoline;  
3-[2-[4-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl]ethyl]-1H-indole;

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- 1-(4-[3,5-dichlorophenyl]-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-  
piperidin-1-yl)-2-pyrrolidin-acetamide hydrochloride;  
4-phenyl-4-[3-<sup>t</sup>-butylbenzyloxymethyl]-piperidine;  
4-phenyl-4-[3-cyanobenzyloxymethyl]-piperidine;  
5 5-[4-(3-cyanobenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-  
ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
4-phenyl-4-[4-cyanobenzyloxymethyl]-piperidine  
hydrochloride;  
5-[4-(4-cyanobenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-  
10 ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
5-[4-(3-<sup>t</sup>-butylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-  
ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
1-[4-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-  
yl]-3-piperidin-4-yl-propionamide hydrochloride;  
15 1-(4-(3,5-dichlorobenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-  
yl)-2-pyrrolidine acetamide hydrochloride;  
4-[3-chloro-5-methoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidine  
hydrochloride;  
5-[4-(3-chloro-5-methoxybenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-  
20 piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
4-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-1-  
(5-pyrrolodineethyl)carbamate piperidine hydrochloride;  
5-[4-(3,5-bismethylbenzyloxymethyl)-4-phenyl-piperidin-1-  
ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
25 (±)-5-[4-(1-(3-N,N-dimethylphenyl)-ethoxymethyl)-4-  
phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-  
3-one;  
4-phenyl-4-[1-(3-isopropoxy)benzyloxymethyl]piperidine  
hydrochloride;  
30 5-[4-(1-(3-isopropoxyphenyl)-ethoxymethyl)-4-phenyl-  
piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2,4-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazol-3-one;  
4-phenyl-4-(2-cyanobenzyloxymethyl)piperidine  
hydrochloride;

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4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-[(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxymethyl)piperidine hydrochloride;  
4-phenyl-4-[(2-methoxy-5-bromo)benzyloxymethyl)piperidine hydrochloride;  
5 4-phenyl-4-[1-(3,6-dichlorophenyl)-ethoxymethyl)piperidine hydrochloride;  
4-phenyl-4-[1-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-ethoxymethyl)piperidine hydrochloride;  
10 4-phenyl-4-[2,3-(dimethoxy)benzyloxymethyl)piperidine hydrochloride;  
and salts thereof.

10. The use of a compound of the formula (I)  
15 as defined in any of claims 1 to 9 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a prodrug thereof in therapy.

11. The use of a compound of formula (I) as defined in any of claims 1 to 9 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the manufacture of a  
20 medicament for the treatment of physiological disorders associated with any excess of tachykinins, especially substance P.

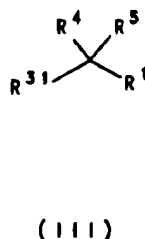
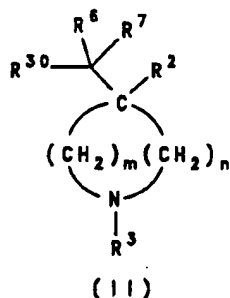
12. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a  
25 compound of the formula (I) as defined in any of claims 1 to 9 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in association with a carrier thereof.

13. A method for the treatment or prevention  
30 of physiological disorders associated with an excess of tachykinins, especially substance P, which method comprises the administration to a patient in need thereof a tachykinin reducing amount of a compound of formula (I)

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as defined in any of claims 1 to 9 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of the formula (I) as defined in any of claims 1 to 9 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in association with a carrier therefor.

14. A process for the preparation of a compound as claimed in claim 1 which comprises reacting a compound of formula (II) with a compound of formula (III):



wherein  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^4$ ,  $\text{R}^5$ ,  $\text{R}^6$ ,  $\text{R}^7$ ,  $m$  and  $n$  are as defined for formula (I),  $\text{R}^3$  is as defined for formula (I) **except that**, when  $\text{R}^3$  is H it is replaced by a suitable protecting group, such as  $\text{CO}_2(\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl})$ ; and one of  $\text{R}^{30}$  and  $\text{R}^{31}$  represents a leaving group and the other of  $\text{R}^{30}$  and  $\text{R}^{31}$  represents  $\text{XH}$ , where  $\text{X}$  is as defined for formula (I); in the presence of a base, followed by deprotection, if required.

15. A compound of the formula (I) as shown in claim (I) wherein  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^4$ ,  $\text{R}^5$ ,  $m$  and  $n$  are as defined in claim 1 and wherein  $\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^7$  together with the carbon atom to which they are attached represent a  $\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{R}^{41})(\text{R}^{51})$  group wherein  $\text{R}^{41}$  and  $\text{R}^{51}$  are independently hydrogen or alkyl or 1 to 5 carbon atoms.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
ALTHOUGH CLAIM 13 IS DIRECTED TO A METHOD OF TREATMENT OF (DIAGNOSTIC METHOD PRACTISED ON) THE HUMAN/ANIMAL BODY THE SEARCH HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT AND BASED ON THE ALLEGED EFFECTS OF THE COMPOUND/COMPOSITION.
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
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## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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